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Harley

Street

doctor

Lamont faces audit enquiry into help with legal bills

CERTIFICIAL SUSPENDED FOR

■ The Chancellor of the Exchequer has emerged relatively unscathed from the Thresher's wine-buying episode, only to confront an official enquiry into the dispute over his legal fees

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PRESSURE on Norman Lamont increased last night with the announcement that the National Audit Office is to investigate the use of public money to pay part of his legal fees from the eviction of a "sex

therapist" renting his home. The Treasury's payment of £4.700 to the Chancellor's solicitors was not specifically reported to the audit office appearing in the department's accounts only under the general heading "running costs" so it was not examined. But now Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General, is to look into the matter "for his own satisfaction and concern". His enquiry is expected to take two to

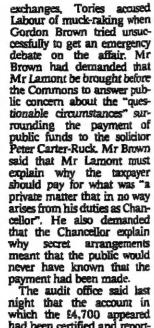
Mr Lamont's position had earlier been eased when two



off-licence workers admitted that they had fabricated a story that he had bought a bottle of champagne and cigarettes from their Paddington shop. But the row over the solicitor's bill refused to go away.

Conservative MPs privately voiced doubts over the use of public and party funds to pay the bill totalling some £23,000, and Dr Geoffrey Riordan, the chairman of Mr Lamont's constituency association, told the BBC's The World at One that he would like "a little more information" about the payment. "I think the man in the street does find it strange. I do not think that all of us - the people who do the basic work can blithely shrug this sort

During rowdy Commons



had been certified and reported to Parliament. However, it was never examined because it was not identified as a special payment by the Treasury. Instead, it appeared under the broad heading of Treasury some £55 million. Since the furore over the weekend, it had been identified.

Earlier, the Treasury had rushed out a series of previously secret documents to support Mr Lamont's case, including a letter to Mr Lamont from Sir Peter Middleton, the former Treasury permanent secretary who authorised the payment. The letter, dated May I and marked "personal", referred to "the recent incident over your house which caused you considerable expense"

He wrote: "Much of this was the result of your position as Chancellor of the Exchequer and the need to take immediate action. It would be unreasonable that you should have to bear the full cost of the legal expenses which you had to meet from your own pocket. I suggest that the Treasury should bear all the initial legal costs in getting out a statement and subsequent costs in handling press enquiries. Treasury ought also to bear a share of the costs of the legal proceeding to secure the removal of an unsatisfactory tenant and all those associated with the application for an

early hearing.



John Onanuga: admitted lying about Norman Lamont. He is to be disciplined

nal Treasury memorandum with the invoice from the lawyers "in respect of charges which the Chancellor incurred following disclosures in the News of the World earlier this year". The letter says "Sir T Burns (Terence Burns now Permanent Secretary and Sir Peter Middleton before him. agreed that we should pick up the legal charges relating to

handling. They did so on the grounds that it was important quickly to put the record straight so as to retain full confidence in the office of Chancellor and its holder and that subsequent later articles were an attack on Mr Lamont's pursuit of his duties

Mr Lamont, who sent the documents to Mr Brown, said in an accompanying letter that the solicitors' bill "makes it crystal clear that the Treasury met none of the costs of evicting my tenants; only those costs related to the issuing of a press statement on the evening of April 13 and the handling of subsequent press inquiries"

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Twists, turns and lies on the road to 'Threshergate'

By RAY CLANCY

of champagne and then asked

for the next bottle up. Mr

Onamiga claimed he pointed out the Bricout and Mr

Lamont asked for a bottle

Eventually the Treasury, along with Thresher, rallied to

support Mr Lamont and a

copy of a credit card receipt

was produced for the media.

It showed that Mr Lamont

bought two bottles of Jean

Paul Bartier claret at £3.99

each and a bottle of Margaux

at £9.49 on Sunday November 15 at 7.20pm. Mr Lamont

only smokes small cigars and

his wife does not smoke, officials said.

The fact that the alleged Praed Street purchase total-led £17.47, the same as the

real purchase, caused bosses at Thresher to be suspicious.

They ran a computer search to

try to trace the alleged pur-

chase but no receipt was ever

found. Also Mr Onanuga told journalists that the cigarettes

cost £1.98 when in fact they

An internal investigation

began immediately, with both

men being called to the com-

pany's headquarters in Wel-

wyn Garden City, Hertford-

shire, for questioning. They admitted that they had made

up the story when approached by reporters. It had all been a

bit of a laugh. They had read that Mr Lamont had bought Continued on page 2, col 7

were priced at £2.02.

from the chilled cabinet.

A WINE store manager and his assistant yesterday admitted making up a story that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, had bought a bottle of cheap champagne and 20 cigarettes from a shop in a seedy part of London.

David Newton, manager of Thresher in Praed Street, Paddington, and John Onanuga, claimed that Mr Lamont had bought a bottle of Bricout champagne for £15.49 and a packet of 20 Raffles cigarettes for £1.98 on Monday November 16. Last night they said through the company that they were "deeply sorry" and had not realised that the story would be splashed across the front pages of the nation's newspapers. Both men have been suspended and are to be

They made up the story on the spur of the moment when reporters came into their had been in to buy anything recently. They have admitted totally fabricating the story of Mr Lamont's visit to the Praed Street shop on 16 November. Both Mr Newton and Mr Onanuga deeply regret the matter and had no intention of damaging Mr Lamont's reputation. They had no idea that it would result in such a furore," said a company statement from

Mr Lamont furiously de nied that he had visited the store although he later admitted that he had shopped in another branch in Connaught Street, Marble Arch, the night before and bought three bot-

tles of red wine. The story came just after a tabloid newspaper revealed that Mr Lamont had not paid his Access bill despite numerous reminders and was £470 over his £2,000 limit. The Sun also said that Mr Lamont had last used his credit card at a branch of Thresher near Paddington for a £17.47

The next day other newspapers quoted Mr Onamga as saying that Mr Lamont had come into the shop and looked at the cheapest bottle

jailed for rapes By LIN JENKINS

THOMAS Courtney, a Harley Street gynaecologist, was jailed for seven years at the Old Bailey yesterday for raping or indecently assaulting four women visiting his

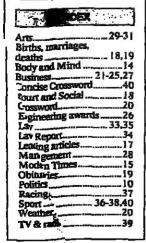
surgery.
Judge Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London; told him: There can be no doubt your conviction at this court means the end of your career and a career which I am prepared to accept has done some good to a great many people. But in this case you took advantage of your position as a doctor to commit offences which cannot be forgiven." The judge said he had taken advantage of his medical knowledge to render

his victims unable to resist. Courtney, 46, of Crickle wood, north London, showed no emotion as he was sentenced to seven years imprisonment on each of two rape charges and four years on each of two indecent assault charges. The sentences are to run concurrently. Courtney had denied the charges which took place between February

1991 and January this year. Two of the victims were plied with spiked drinks be-fore being raped, leaving both of them barely able to recall the details, leading them to believe that they would not be believed if they reported him. Two others, one a German student, were abused with sex aids after going to his empty surgery expecting to be inter-viewed for work.

Bennett, who arrested the doctor, said his private practice and charity created ideal conditions in which to get away with the crimes. "In the Courtney Foundation, he set up the perfect environment to commit these types of offences. Courtney has got to have been the perfect rapist who left victims thinking Did that really happen to me?"

Full details, page 3







Sunnie Mann dies of cancer in Cyprus

BY MICHAEL THEODOULOU AND KATE ALDERSON

SUNNIE Mann, the flamboyant and courageous wife of Jack Mann, the former British hostage, died yesterday in a clinic in Nicosia. Cyprus. after a long battle against cancer. She was 79.

Mrs Mann had been admitted to hospital with chest pains three weeks ago. Last night her husband, who is 78, was being comforted at his home in Nicosia by friends and diplomats from the Brit-ish high commission. He had been at her bedside but left shortly before she died.

Dr Helen Soteriou of the

Evangelistria Clinic said Mrs Mann's condition had deteriorated overnight and she died quickly. Mrs Mann, a heavy smoker, fought her illness with the same bravery that helped her survive the captivity of her husband.

John Major joined Terry Waite and John McCarthy, both also formerly held hos-



Sunnie Mann: fought

tage in Lebanon, in sending condolences to Mr Mann. The prime minister said he was saddened by Mrs Mann's death "Sunnie's courage and fighting spirit throughout Jackie's imprisonment made her a national figure," he said, adding that the couple had won the whole country's admiration and affection.

Britain agrees to increase intake of Bosnian refugees

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is to double its intake of Bosnian refugees by accepting a further 3,400 for

In the face of pressure from the opposition and refugee groups to admit more Bosnians, the government an-nounced yesterday that 1,000 principle asylum seekers and up to three family members each will be allowed to settle in the United Kingdom. The refugees will come from Bosnian Serb detention camps and the first groups will be housed in a former mental hospital in Surrey, a refugee hostel in London and a former residential care home owned by the Cambridge. the Red Cross in

Charles Wardle. Home Office minister responsible for immigration, said the Refugee Council would find them more permanent housing.
Ministers have insisted that they will accept only refugees

identified by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The government an-nounced earlier this month that it would take 600 refugees. In addition, 40,000 people from the former Yugo-slav republics have been accepted as visitors and a further 4.800 have applied for

The refugees would be entiand services available to the rest of the population. Mr had been made to receive the first group of 150 as soon as UN confirmed that they were ready to leave.

"I am sure that we all hope these evacuees will be able to return in due course to their own country. They will be admitted to this country exceptionally outside the immigration rules for six months initially. We shall obviously

wish to review the position in the light of individual circumstances and the situation in the former Yugoslavia," he

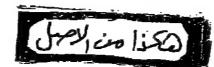
"The British Red Cross will liaise with the International Committee of the Red Cross to trace the dependents of the former detainees and arrangetnents will be made in consultation with the Foreign Office and voluntary organisations to bring them here.

The size and timing of further arrivals depended partly on how quickly international organisations could bring the refugees out of detention to transit camps.

Mr Wardle said that the government would fund the transport of the refugees and reimburse the costs incurred by the Refugee Council and the British Red Cross, who will provide initial reception sup-port and accommodation.

Atrocities blame, page 12





MPs attack decision to pay Lamont's legal bill

As MPs attack the Treasury decsion to pay legal fees for the Chancellor, the spotlight falls on the press relations role of lawyers

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

pick up Norman Lamont's legal bill for fees incurred by solicitors Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners prompted angry re-actions from MPs yesterday. They pointed to recent Treasury cuts in legal aid.

A Liberal Democrat, Simon Hughes, said at Commons question time that there "something rotten in the state of Britain" if proposals from Norman Lamont to deprive millions of people of legal aid came at a time when the Chancellor had his own "private legal aid scheme".

Paul Boateng, Labour's leal affairs spokesman, said Mr Lamont was "less than deserving a case". If the Chancellor did have to employ a solicitor at public expense he

should get a cheaper one. The basis and extent of the legal subsidy emerged yesterday from correspondence between the Chancellor and the Treasury. This showed that



Carter-Ruck: suggested Treasury should pay

the Treasury had agreed to pay towards the legal costs of "the recent incident over your house which caused you considerable expense" on the ground, as put by Sir Peter Middleton, former Treasury permanent secretary, that "much of this was the result of your position as Chancellor of the Exchequer and the need to take immediate action."

Sir Peter said: "It would be unreasonable that you should have to bear the full cost of the legal expenses which you had to meet from your own

This latest twist in the affair, in which the Treasury paid

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YES, I WANT TO HELP SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE.

THE Treasury's decison to £4.700 of a £23,000 legal bili run up by Mr Lamount in evicting a tenant from his flat, has illuminated a littlepublicised role of lawyers: that of handling press relations on

behalf of clients.
For Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners, who are used to acting for the famous, it is a common role - and one for which the client pays. Mr Carter-Ruck said: "We do get quite a number of cases where we are in communication with the press on behalf of clients and obviously it does involve quite a lot of work."

He had journalists knocking at his door yesterday and was frequently telephoned at night and at weekends. "One reason that we frequently are asked to handle the press is because we deal with a number of high profile clients," he said. Other solicitors did the same thing but to a "lesser

Mr Carter-Ruck said he would normally advise clients to leave press handling to his firm. "Many prefer to do so, if there has been publicity, whether fair or unfair."

Details of Mr Lamont's bill were outlined yesterday. The firm's invoice was accompanied by an internal Treasury memorandum for £4,700 "in respect of charges which the Chancellor incurred following disclosures in the News of the World earlier this year".

The invoice, addressed to Mr and Mrs Lamont at 11.

Downing Street, referred to "our professional charges acting for you in advising you on publications in the national ss and ancillary matters: £3,690; telephone calls, post-age, couriers, faxes and photocopying: £310; total £4,000. Vat at 17.5 per cent £700. Total £4,700."

Yesterday Andrew Stephenson, the partner at Peter Carter-Ruck who dealt with the eviction and press relations for Mr Lamont, said that from memory a third "if not half" of his time had been spent dealing with press enquiries when the eviction case originally came to court. "This had a lot tp do with the fact that it was the Chancellor who had taken proceedings rather than the issue of eviction."



Legally helped: Mr Lamont leaves Downing Street yesterday

Informal club helps hard-up ministers

By Nicholas Wood o where does a bard-S up Chancellor of the Exchequer turn when he is short of money? In the seventies, Denis Healey sought offshore funds from the International Monetary Fund. In the early summer of last year. Norman Lamont found salvation nearer home.

salvation nearer nome.

Much was being made
yesterday in the Commons
of the £4,000 plus VAT
that the taxpayer had contributed towards legal bills
incurred by Mr Lamont in connection with the eviction of a "sex therapist" from his Notting Hill home. Rather less attention was being directed at

FUNDS

the contribution of £19,000 plus VAT towards the balance of the bill from Conservative "sources". The disclosure that the Tory party picked up most of Mr Lamont's debts prompted immediate suggestions that Conservative Central Office or the government whips administer a "slush fund" for the benefit of financially embarrassed ministers or MPs. The suggestions were being denied yester-day at Westminster by whips and ministers.

Such mechanistic thinking is anathema to the Tory party . Instead, as befits an organisation run on the informal lines of a gentleman's club, welfare is dispensed without strict reference to a rulebook.

One former Tory party chairman with more than a passing acquaintance with frontbench and backbench hard-luck sto-ries was in no doubt. "I wish we did have a slush fund, but we have not."

O ther ministers, MPs were equally adamant that there is no pot of gold for the MP who has overstretched himself and finds his creditors hammering on his door. But there is an extensive network of mutual support that can be relied upon to rescue many a supplicant.

If a backbencher is in trouble he will first call on his whip. Depending on the circumstances, a collection may be discreetly launched on his behalf, with a handful of close friends approaching sym-pathetic figures within the Commons and beyond for gifts or loans. A minister, particularly a senior figure such as Mr Lamont, could be expected to approach either the chief whip or the party chairman for help. and again the hat would be passed around.

The beneficiary may be unaware of the precise moves being made on his behalf or the identity of his benefactors. But he will sleep more peacefully at night.

Accident-prone fall guy who is exhausting Tory patience

your own pocket".

But that stretches to the

extreme the definition of "offi-

cial duties" in the Treasury

solicitor's rules, under which

ministers can properly be in-demnified out of public funds

for the costs of bringing defamation proceedings. That is distinct from libelling a minis-

ter in his private capacity.

The precedents offered by

the Treasury for the payment of the costs of legal actions involving Lord Young of

Graffham over the House of

Fraser and Lord Lawson over

Johnson Matthey obviously

fall into the category of "offi-

ambiguous and Sir Peters

note implies an arbitrary judg-

ment about the proportion of costs to be paid by taxpayers.

There is room for the National

Audit Office enquiry an-

nounced last night, though no

reason for an immediate

More in question is the appearance of pushing the rules to the limit. Chancellors

should not have to turn to the

taxpayer for such money, though how the split between

Tory party sources and the

Mr Lamont's case is more

cial duties".

NORMAN Lamont will probably survive the immediate row over the payment of part of his legal fees by the Trea-sury, but his already battered reputation has been severely tarnished. The chancellor may have the fine print of the official guidance for ministers on his side, but that is not bow it appears to many MPs, let alone members of the public.

The most damning comment yesterday came from Dr Geoffrey Riordan, the chairman of Mr Lamont's local Tory party in Kingston. He said the man in the street finds it strange. "I don't think the people who do the basic work can blithely shrug this sort of thing off." He wanted "a little more information" about the

Treasury payment.

There is always the danger of self-righteousness about such matters and much synthetic anger was generated in the Commons yesterday. Former Labour ministers protested loudly over declining standards of public life and the arrogance of those in power for so long. They said such payments would have been unthinkable under the Wilson or Callaghan govern-ments, when ministers had to pay even for their own tea. There is something in this, though the Tories were busy last night trying to find similar

But the whole affair does seem rather odd. The memorandum from Sir Peter Middleton, then Treasury permanent secretary, backs up Mr Lamont's explanation. Sir Peter wrote that much of the

Lamont was fully vindicated over the bizarre affair of the Thresher purchases. And, with only a few exceptions, Tory MPs have rallied behind him, at least over the immediate issue of the legal fees.

not want a reshuffle. Any choice of a new chancellor from amonglihe pro-Europe-ans or Michael Howard from the sceptics - might upset the balance of the party while the Maastricht bill is going through the Commons.

Mr Lamon has shown in the past that he can recover from personal setbacks. But while he has the sympathy of many Tory MPs. he is exhausting their patience. No government can continue for long with a weakened chancellor.

PETER RIDDELL

"considerable expense" was the result of Mr Lamont's "position as Chancellor of the Exchequer and the need to take immediate action. It would be unreasonable that you should have to bear the full cost of the legal expenses which you had to meet from

examples from the 1970s.

clear. Coming after other recent mishaps, the affair further undermines the au-

thority of Mr Lamont, and makes him appear even more an accident-prone fall guy who cannot get anything ment look shabby. § Such rows can blow over

What John Major has to decide during the Christmas recess is whether Mr Lamont's standing among businessmen, as much as at Westminster, is now so irreversibly damaged that he cannot carry forward the revised connumic forward the revised economic

Mr Major has backed Mr Lamont so far and clearly does for instance, Kenneth Clarke

Raynsford to raise it, too.

POLITICAL SKETCH

Spooky timing as everyone's lucky number comes up

MATTHEW PARRIS

N orman Lamont's week-end of apparent bad luck continued into Monday at the Commons. A minister, John Taylor, was in place to answer questions put to the Lord Chancellor's Department. These proved mys-teriously suited to the

For the Chancellor, that was pure mischance. MPs submit questions in writing, weeks before they are to be formally "asked": but, as luck would have it, the government had some time ago aired proposals for cut-

ting legal aid payments.
So, as Monday dawned, a
handful of MPs with questions (listed for discussion after lunch) about legal aid for the poor, awoke to radio news reports about a celebrated case of legal aid for

Sitting up in separate beds at separate addresses in Southwark, Greenwich, and Brent, Simon Hughes (Lib-Dem), Nick Raynsford (Lab), and Opposition spokesman Paul Boateng blinked in the morning light, swilled their first mouthful of coffee, and separately thought "Golly! My ques-tion number 39 [43, 45] is tailor-made for a dig at Norman Lamont and his own personal legal aid scheme from HM scheme

And so it came to pass that poor John Taylor, a bluff provincial solicitor provincial solicitor whose last job, as a junior whip, was writing parliamentary sketches for the Queen, found himself almost alone on the government front bench on a drizzling Monday afternoon, and in the front line for the first parliamentary attacks on the Chancellor.

F irst over the wire mon Hughes. A solicitor by profession, and never a man to descend to a single modest cliché when two atrocious ones will do, Mr Hughes began by declaring that there was "something rotten in the state of Briton to contrast the fate of

impecunious defendants with the good fortune of the legally aided Mr Lamont, and concluded by asking what this country was com-For the government, Mr

Taylor gulped and said that Mr Lamont's case was "a completely different matter and flattered him with the remark that he had been wholly improper to raise it, encouraging Nick

Paul Boateng, a barrister, chipped in from the Labour front bench. Why did the Treasury pay for such an expensive solicitor for the Chancellor, when "other, cheaper ones" would do?

"Yes, and I'm one of them," said Taylor, begin-ning to enjoy his frontline

'As an even cheaper solicitor," was the way Barry Porter (C. Wirral S) intro-duced his own question. Robert Maclennan (Lib-Dem, Caithness & Sutherland), a barrister by trade, gave no hint as to his fees. He, too, asked about legal aid. Mr Taylor stonewalled them all.

roblem to the enormous Geoffrey Dickens (C. Little-borough & Saddleworth). He walks straight through them. Thinking to come to the rescue of Taylor, he rose and bellowed: "There are people in this country, Madlute scoundrels ..."

"Lamont! Lamont!" gur gled Opposition MPs ...
"As custodians of the taxpayers' money," Dickens roared on, Parliament should stop it going to the wrong sort of criminals, Poor Mr Taylor could only

T ory-watching, like Kremlin-watching, is a subtle art. The collective MPs has a sort of centre of gravity to it, but you must remember that in any embarrassing affair, this is the opinion which is least likely

The first rule among club-hable Tory backbenchers is that when things get tricky. only a fool weighs in. To assess Mr Lamont's present standing, do not look for colleagues speaking against him: ask who is speaking for

The closest thing we could find, yesterday, to a man who is no fool weighing in was Sir Anthony Grant (C. Cambridgeshire SW). he cited in Lamont's apparent defence was intriguing Sir Anthony had dug up a "quite proper" example of the use of public funds to help a minister with legal

"Lord Wilson," said Grant, "when he was prime minister, sought to sue a pop group called The Move over a song called "Flowers in the rain."

Two off-licence staff suspended over lies

Continued from page 1 goods to the value of £17.47 and they picked items at random to fit that price. When they were unable to do that exactly, they simply changed the price of the cigarettes to make the tale fit.

The whole business caused more than a few headaches for Thresher. The company admitted doctoring the receipt that was released through the Treasury and the types of red wine bought by Mr Lamont were withdrawn from the

Jayne Bridges, a Thresher spokeswoman, said the receipt had been changed to protect staff at the Connaught Street store. The name of the branch was erased to prevent the media from descending on the shop and questioning staff.
The next part of the saga

involved the removal of clarets from the shops. Officially the wines, all supplied by Peter Sichel, of Bordeaux, were taken away for testing after a customer complained of suffering from food poisoning after drinking one of the clarets. When The Times tried yesterday to buy the wines at three branches in Craven Road, Praed Street and Connaught Street, they were not available. There were gaps on the shelves where the wines were normally displayed.

Road said he did not know why the wines had been removed as he was standing in for the manager who would not be back for several hours. In Praed Street the shop assistant said they had sold out. When pressed on the matter he eventually produced a bottle of Jean Paul Bartier from the back of the shop. Ms Bridges said the wine

was back on the shelves and she would contact the shops concerned to find out why it was not on sale. She could not explain why the Bricout champagne, which comes from a different supplier, was also missing from view. Last night the editor of the

London Evening Standard. the newspaper that first panted the claims from Mr Onanuga, was unavailable for comment Earlier Philip Evans, assistant to the editor, had stood by the story. He said that the newspaper had "aithfully reported what we wee told by the manager of the stop" and Mr Onanuga. A spokesworn-an for Whitbread. Thresher's parent, said the company had wanted "once and for all get to the bottom of the situation".

Whitbread he contributed thousands of runds to Con-servative part funds, includ-ing £30,000 ast year, but the spokeswomardenied any other reason or concern other than a desie to get to the facts.

"ASTRONOMICAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE SOLAR SYSTEM" PRESS CONFERENCE Today at the Cumberland Jotel, 10.30am (See article on page 7)

'Threshergate' selection of wines are put to the test

BY ROBIN YOUNG are the wines he actually purchased when he

The Times yesterday carried out its own evaluation of the three wines drawn to national attention by the saga of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Access-assisted trip to

Claret, AC

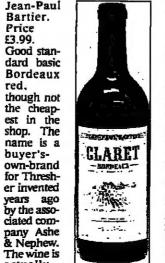
Bartier.

Price

£3.99.

buyer's-

The two clarets, priced at £3.99 and £9.49, Margaux Sichel. £9.49. A marked-



The wine is actually Peter A Sichel, one of the most reliable Bordeaux wine shippers.

Tasting note: "A dry, grassy, herbaceous styled light claret for everyday drinking. Fair value, but not particularly

ly superior bottle of claret, again sup-plied by Peter Sichel but under the shipper's comes partly from

young vines in Sichel's own prop-

Mr Sichel's home vineyard, Château d'Angludet. Tasting note: "Not too much tannin, plenty of fruit. Plump, generous, and gentle. Very classy easy drinking, well worth the extra money for those who are



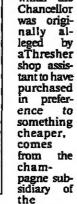
visited a Thresher outlet.

choose from his shelves

The champagne, a Bricout Carte Noire Brut,

priced at £15.49, is the wine which a shop assistant now admits Mr Lamont did not

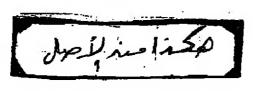
Bricout



Kuplerberg concern. Tasting note: "A classic light champagne, with good mousse and a crisp finish.

Better value than many grandes marques, but not really worth busting your credit card

belongs to Whitbread, including Wine Rack and Bottoms Up and incorporating Peter Overall comment: In shopping at Thresher Norman Lamont was making use of the best. Dominic is the United Kingdom's dominant and also the biggest, of the brewery-owned high street off-licence chains. The group, which wine merchant, with 1,660 shops.



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How victim's tears brought down Harley Street sex attacker

By LIN JENKINS

THOMAS Courtney claimed to be a pioneering gynaecologist, counselling pregnant women suffering from Aids and drug dependency. He happily exploited the image until January this year, when a girl aged 17 broke down in her boy friend's arms and said that Courtney had sexually abused her. His well-publicised arrest brought forward three other women who had thought that their word would not be believed against

a respected doctor.

The girl had been to Courtney's psycho-sexual clinic in Harley Street as a prospective employee. She had been invited there on a Saturday to learn how to use the word processor. Courtney asked her to strip, abused her with a vibrator and forced her to perform oral sex and use another sex aid on him.

He told the girl: "You are going to have the biggest orgasm you have ever had in your life." She told the Old Bailey that she was petrified and pretended that the incident was not happening. "I was educated that I can trust doctors in everything they do," she said.

Courtney's wife, Parul, an ophthalmologist, told the court that her busband told her of the incident, saying that he had got carried away while demonstating sexual aids to the prospective employee. "I was annoyed, angry and thought he had been rather foolish," she told the court. She denied that there was anything odd in his removing his clothes to demonstate the equipment On other occasions he told her that he had been unfaithful.

in the three months following the complaint, Courtney 46, of Cricklewood, north London, was charged with a further indecent assault and with two rapes. Courtney, who was described by colleagues as charming and urbane, denied all the charges against him. Yesterday, he

showed no emotion as he was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment on each of the two rape charges, and to four years on each of the indecent assault charges. The sen-

tences will run concurrently. Judge Verney, Recorder of London, told him: There can be no doubt your conviction at this court means the end of your career and a career which I am prepared to accept has done some good to a great many people. But in this case you took advantage of your position as a doctor to commit offences which cannot be

forgiven. Courtney's first victim. identified in court as Miss A. was raped after drinking spiked champagne in his surgery. The 26-year-old had gone there in February last year after arriving from Newcastle, expecting him to give her a lift to a dinner party being held by a mutual

She told the court that she had tittle recollection of events, coming round in the shower to find him washing her. She spent the rest of the evening in a daze, aware that sexual intercourse had taken place without her consen

Richard Horwell, for the prosecution. said: "The Crown's case is that the glass contained much more than



Verney: unforgivable breach of position

champagne. He had put in a tranquillising and hypnotic drug. The effect was swift and

Courtney tried from the witness box to destroy the woman's character, as he attempted to do with the others. He claimed that she had entered the shower with him, consented to sexual intercourse and enjoyed it.

He used similar tactics on his next victim. Miss B, 21. who met him after speaking to him when she dialled a wrong number. She was trying to contact a former emwhom Courtney turned out to know.

They met in the surgery. She drank spiked wine and recalled feeling "zombiefied". She found herself on his examination couch, being raped. He offered her a room to live in if she allowed him sexual intercourse three times a day.
Miss C, 21, a biology

student from Germany, went to the surgery to be interviewed for a job in October last year. Courtney said that he needed to demonstate the gadgets he used in his work and told her to remove her clothes so that she could understand the effect of a vibrator. She explained to the court: "I thought it was a bit strange. But I am not used to questioning what a doctor says. If my doctor at home said he wanted me to undress I would just do it. I just

hought it must be okay." Mr Horwell commented: A better example of the trust that people have in the medical profession would be very difficult to imagine. She did as she was told, but her trust was sadly misplaced." Dr John Taylor, a forensic

toxicologist, told the court that Courtney could have used tranquillisers or knockout drops, widely available to the medical profession, that could barely be detected in wine.

Doctor jailed, page 1



Doctor jailed: Thomas Courtney with his wife, Parul, who told the court that he had been unfaithful

Unacceptable face of private practice

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

DR COURTNEY represents

Although described as a gynaecologist in press reports, a quick glance at his past experience in the medical directory shows that he is either excessively modest about his past or that he has not had the long training

came into this category. tablished consultant in the

specialty. specialists by their GP. In some branches of medi-The scandal could not have cine it is not uncommon for come at a worse time for patients to have direct access London medicine as it battles to specialists and it may be with the advocates of the that Dr Courtney felt that as a doctor involved in "sexual

dysfunction" his patients

some of the greatest medical brains in the world, most of MEDICAL VIEW whom are associated with the London teaching hospitals. However, it is usually wiser for people to be referred to

But having rooms in Harley Street is more a matter of seing able to pay the rent than a reflection on a doctor's qualifications: Dr Courtney any of the London teaching hospitals, whether under Tomlinson report. In the Harley Street district are threat or reprieved.

Courtney wanted a knighthood

WITH the self-assurance he cultivated to impress royalty, politicians and those of influence, Dr Thomas Courtney asked his arresting officer: "Is this going to affect my knighthood?"

fortune, hoping his charity The Couriney Foundation for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies (Womb) would bring him both. He almost achieved one aim when the Princess of Wales nearly agreed to become a pairon of the charity. However, she was warned by the Duke of Gloucester that a leading figure in the Aids charity field believed Couriney was not all he claimed to be.

The finances of the charity, which offered help free of charge to victims of rape, incest and sexually transmitted diseases and counselling to Aids sufferers and drug addicts, are under investiga tion by the Charity Commis

orived more than £202,000, compared with £6,000 three years before. In some years the organisation spent 90 per cent of income on administrative costs, which included usually three employees — Courtney, his wife and their financial adviser.

Courtney's company, M'Aidez Limited, cashed in on Aids problems, selling a range of goods that included an emergency HIV kit of useless drugs. His outrageous claims, delivered in his usual persuasive and charming manner, fooled many. In court he claimed to be a member of the Institute of Psychosexual Medicine. He was not

Dr Noel Olson, Plymouth medical officer of health, said: "As an Aids expert, he had only the scale of knowledge one would glean from Reader's Digest." He warned the advisers to the Princess of Wales about Courtney and made a formal complaint to the General Medical Council in 1990.

Fishermen lost as gales hit Cornwall

By Ian Murray

during driving wind and rain in the second tragedy to hit a Cornish fishing village in a week. Padstow, in north Cornwall, was yesterday mourning the loss of the crew of one of its small fleet of lobster boats. which set off on Sunday afternoon to collect lobster pots moored five miles offshore. Last Monday, two other local men were lost when their boat sank while fishing at the Doom Bar in the estuary of the River Camel.

Last night Tina Evans, the mayor, announced that instead of turning on the Christmas lights as planned today, she would launch an appeal to raise money for the men's families. The Rev Barry Kinsman, vicar of Saint Issey parish said: "They were very experienced sailors but I suspect that with the recession and with Christmas coming up they pushed themselves more than they would

The boats were lost in heavy

THREE fisherman were lost seas whipped up by force-eight gale winds over the past week. The weather was caused by a slow-moving front which has brought the wettest November to the South West for more than 30 years and yesterday brought flooding to large areas of south and west Wales.

The National Rivers Authority issued a red alert on eight stretches of river in Wales, as well as on a short stretch of the Thames, while the Meteorological Office said that more rain was on the way on Thursday and over the

In the floods yesterday, the worst in Wales since 1979, railway lines and roads near Llanelli, Dyfed, disappeared under water, the homes of 150 pensioners were evacuated at Tredegar, Gwent, and eight Scouts and their leader were trapped overnight on Brynamman Mountain in south Powys.

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Footballer denies assault in match

BY A STAFF REPORTER

cynically and deliberately thrust his elbow into an opponent's face during a mid-air duel and caused horrific facial injuries, a court was told

But Mr Blissett, who was sent off after the incident, said it was a "complete accident". Salisbury Crown Court was told. The jury watched video-recorded replays of the clash between Mr Blissett, 28, the Brentford striker, and John. Uzzell, 33, the former Torquay United defender, during a third division game on De-

cember 14 last year. It is the first time court proceedings have started as a result of an incident during a Football League match. Mr. Blissett, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, denies unlawfully and maliciously causing grievous bodily harm.

Andrew Chubb, prosecuting, said that Mr Uzzell's left cheek bone and eye socket floor were broken. The socket had to be reconstructed and a

GARY Blissett, the footballer, metal plate was inserted into his face to bring the bone parts together. There was no dispute that the injury amounted to grievous bodily harm. Mr Blissett had "cynically and deliberately" put his elbow into contact with Mr Uzzell,

Mr Chubb said. In a statement read to the court. Mr Blissett said the challenge to Mr Uzzell was to win the ball. "Any injury he sustained was purely acciden-tal and I had no intention whatever of injuring him."
The court was told that Mr

Uzzell had been unable to play this season because of the injury. Arthur Smith, the match referee, said that Mr Blissett "deliberately elbowed his opponent in the face". He had sent him off for violent conduct.

The jury was shown two video recordings made by Television South West and Torquay United. A third video showed the club's version in slow motion. The trial was adjourned until today.

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Shady Nelson to emerge in a new light

BY ALISON ROBERTS RIS REPORTER

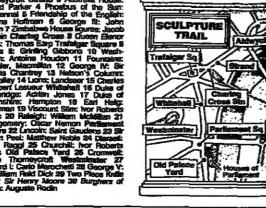
LONDON could be as attractive as Paris in the evening if plans to illuminate its statu-ary and sculptures are implemented according to the Royal Society of British Sculptus. At a conference hosted by the society yesterday, Westminster City Coundary. cil unweiled a scheme to illuminate. Trafalgar Square in a project aimed at creating "rivers and pools of light"

around the city.

Nelson's Column, the 16ft statue itself and the surrounding buildings and sculptures, will be floodlit sing the latest will be flooth sing the tribular technology. Michael Lowndes, principal conservation and design efficer at the council, said that the plan was intended to bring a sense of warmth and importance to the space which is really quite unattractive after dark".

The monumental/buildings surrounding the square also need attention, he said "At the moment South Africa





House is totally overlit, Canada House is underlit and the National Gallery is partially lit." he said. Nelson himself. the only part of the square lit at present, was very poorly illuminated. The light seems to hit his missing arm most of the time," Mr Lowndes said.

Royal Society of British Sculptors for advice and is consulting lighting experts. The square is owned by the government and the council expects it to provide some of the funds needed to put the scheme into practice. The project managers have approached electricity com-

more plans to brighten the capital and has drawn up a "light trail" - a tour through London that takes observers past some of the nation's most prized pieces of public art which exist unnoticed

after dark. A walker would follow a path of light from the Strand, via Aldwych, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and West-minster passing 30 sculptures which would all be fully lit taking into account the material used and the nature of the

John Mills, exhibitions director at the society and a well-known sculptor himself. said that the capital was full of hidden jewels waiting to be revealed by light. To promenade around London at night is very difficult and can be dangerous. A series of trails taking in the wealth of sculpture would be educative and enhance the city

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High council tax bills are forecast for Labour areas

By RACHEL KELLY

THE highest council tax bills are all likely to be in Labour-controlled authorities, with av-erage bills of more than £650 per household, according to the first nationwide estimate

of the new charge.
Tameside in Greater
Manchester, Hartlepool in Cleveland, Newcastle upon Tyne in Tyne and Wear, Rotherham in South York-shire and Greenwich in London are all identified in a survey by the Association of London Authorities as likely to be among the most expensive councils in the country. Most are Labour-controlled.

A spokesman for the association said the high figures were explained by historic spending levels and the fact that the councils were in areas of high deprivation.

The survey shows that councils with the lowest tax are likely to include Wandsworth and Westminster in London. Chichester in West Sussex. Basingstoke in Hampshire, the Scilly Isles and John Major's constituency of Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire. Most are Tory-controlled.

The figures have been calculated using assumptions on the budgets councils will set. Councils will not finally set their budgets until early next year. Other local government commentators have avoided estimating tax bills because of the assumptions which would have to be made.

The figures assume levels of past and present council spending, levels of capping, 98 per cent levels of collection and transitional arrangements from poll tax to council tax. In Wandsworth, London, for example, there is a zero poll tax and transitional relief cushions the impact of the new tax. The same is true for

Taken nationally, the figures produce an average bill of £522 for a Band D property. slightly higher than the gov-ernment figure of about £490. The release of the figures coincides with lists of draft valuations of homes into the eight bandings made avail-able to the public today for inspection in town halls and local valuation offices.

These valuations are based on property prices on April 1, 1991. All homes will fall into one of eight price bands and council tax bills will be calculated accordingly, with owners of more expensive homes paying more

More than a quarter of the homes in England fall into the lowest band - properties worth under £40,000. More than two thirds are in the bottom three bands, worth under £68,000. In Wales, a fifth of homes are in the bottom band and more than two thirds are in the lowest three bands — worth under £51,000.

Householders can approach valuation officers if they think their property is in the wrong band but formal appeals cannot be made until after April I, when final lists are produced and the council tax is officially introduced.

Local councils and the In-

land Revenue are preparing for up to 1.5 million appeals from homeowners. A likely complaint will be about the way property values have fallen since April 1991, with some areas experiencing greater falls than others, but this will not be a basis for a change of band.

A spokesman for the association said that some analysts had calculated that house prices had fallen between 10 and 15 per cent in London between 1991, when the vaku-ation were done, and April 1993 when final bills will be charged. "Homeowners looking at these bands will feel aggravated, not that they will be able to do anything about it. They will have to pay up," he said.

A spokesman from the environment department has defended the government's choice of April 1991 by saying that houses in the same district would have fallen by the same rate. The exercise had to start somewhere, he said.



Homeward bound: Allan Nicklin hugs his wife, Margaret, and his daughter, Sarah, at Heathrow yesterday

Saudis release **Briton**

ALLAN Nicklin, a businessman, returned to Britain yesterday to be reunited with his family after being held for two years in Saudi Arabia.

Mr Nicklin, 48, was working for an insurance company when he was arrested by the Saudi authorities after an investigation into insurance claims. He spent six months in a Jedda prison but was never charged. Patrick Cormack, Tory MP for Staf-fordshire South, campaigned for his release. Mr Nicklin was allowed

home after an appeal to King Fahd, the Saudi head of state. by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. Speaking yesterday at his home in Perton, Staffordshire, Mr Nicklin said he was delighted to be reunited with his wife Margaret, 46, daughter Sarah, 23, and son Matthew, 17. The Nicklins celebrate their silver wedding anniversary today.

First homeless family benefits from £750m buy-up scheme

By RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE first home has been bought and rented to a homeless family in the govern-ment's £750 million scheme for housing associations to buy up 20,000 empty and repos-sessed properties and help

revive the housing market. The three-bedroom 1970s semi-detached house in Manton Heights, Bedford, had been empty for six months after its owner moved to a new property. It was bought by Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association from its private owner with £47,000 of government money from the Housing

associations. The new tenants are Stanley and Josephine Fice, who have three sons, John, 21, David, 19 and Steven, 14. The family has been living in a caravan since the mortgage lender

Corporation, the government body which funds housing

repossessed their newsagent's business and home at Sharnbrook near Bedford in August. They were eight months behind with mortgage

The Fice family will be presented with the keys to their new home by Sir Trevor Skeet, the MP for Bedfordshire North, when they move

in today.

Mrs Fice said she was overjoyed: "I will have a little garden again and that will be absolutely gorgeous. The wor-ry of the past few months is over and now my husband can concentrate on finding a job." Mr Fice's search for a job would be helped because he

would have a phone again and this would make arranging interviews much easier. Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing · Association has about four months in which to spend the £3.7 million it has been allocated by the Housing Corporation and estimates that it will be able to buy about 100 empty homes on the open

The association will be looking for houses in relatively good condition. The house rented to the Fice family needed only about £420 spent

Critics of the government's scheme have said that it will do little to help the housing market as housing associa-tions are unlikely to buy repossessed property because much of it is in poor condition. Sales of repossessed houses are holding down prices because sales are forced, but sales by builders or individuals are not

doing this. But there is no question that the scheme will help housing associations and the homeless, as the example of the Fice

Prisoner's death wish tested in court

A High Court case has been brought by the home secretary

A rugn court case has been brought by the home secretary to determine whether a convicted drug smuggler on hunger strike in prison may lawfully be allowed to die.

Kenneth Clarke is seeking a ruling that prison authorities and medical staff may comply with the wish of Jesus Naira, 37, a Colombian, who has stated that he would prefer to die than serve 11 years for smuggling £250,000 of cocaine. Naira, who protests his innocence, has refused food since mid-May at Wandsworth prison and at Belmarsh, southeast London, where he was transferred last month.

London, where he was transferred last month.

Alper Riza, for Neira, said that the Home Office application was not being opposed by his client. David Venables, the Official Solicitor, is opposing the application so that the courts may test the legal position. The hearing was adjourned until Thursday.

Tree breaks 90ft fall

A man aged 66 on his way home from the pub escaped serious injury after falling 90ft from a viaduct and landing in a tree. The leafy branches cushioned his fall and he ended m a tree. The leasy branches custioned his tail and he ended up spreadeagled in the treetop. His cries for help were heard by a passer-by who called the fire brigade to bring him down. He was taken to hospital with cuts and bruises. Police said the man, who has not been named, was walking along a narrow wall on the viaduct above the Derwent Walk nature trail near Consett, co. Durham.

LuPone in new musical

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber yesterday announced that Patti LuPone. Tony Award winner for Evitu and one of the original stars of Les Misérables in London, will play the lead role in his new musical Sunset Boulevard, which willopen in London on June 29 next year at the Adelphi Theatre and move to the US soon after. Trevor Num, his collaborator on Cats and Aspects of Love, will direct the production, which the musical impresario has been working on for several

Lynk loses UDM post

Roy Lynk, right, who helped Margaret Thatcher defeat Arthur Scargill and the NUM during the miners' strike, was ousted yesterday as Union of Democratic Mineworkers president. Mr Lynk, 60, blamed the recent announcements by British Coal and the government on the future of the industry for damaging his credibility. His successor is Neil Greatrex, 54, Nottingham-shire branch president.



Homelessness 'an evil'

The Archbishop of Canterbury called last night for a "moral crusade to rid society of the evil of homelessness". Dr George Carey said: "Our task is to encourage central and local government to ensure that decent, affordable housing is available for all." He told church leaders from 18 denominations at a service at Westminster Abbey for the Churches' National Housing Coalition to make people aware of the acute needs of "those who are roofless or where accommodation cannot be described as proper shelter" accommodation cannot be described as proper shelter".

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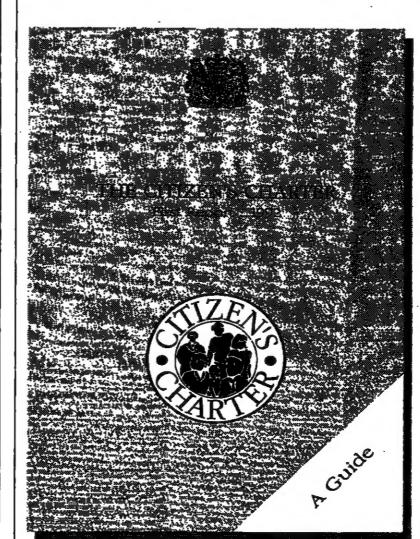
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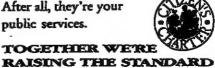


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Schools to be fined for expelling too many pupils

Rising expulsions have prompted ministers to consider financial incentives for schools to persevere with disruptive pupils

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT likely than girls to be sent

home. The peak age for expul-

likely to be expelled, account-

ing for more than 8 per cent of

removals despite making up only 2 per cent of pupils. Primary schools were respon-

sible for 13 per cent of expulsions, while 12.5 per

cent involved pupils with spe-

The most common offences

were disobedience, verbal

abuse or insolence. At least 8

per cent were expelled for

attacks on teachers or staff.

Bullying and physical aggres-

sion against other pupils were

variations in exclusion rates

were too great to be explained

by catchment areas. Children

permanently removed often became virtual outrasts, facing

long periods at home because of difficulties finding alterna-

Researchers said that the

other common reasons.

cial educational needs.

Afro-Caribbean children

proportionately most

STATE schools may face fi-nancial penalties if they exclude too many pupils, ministers said yesterday in a consultation document intended to prevent the creation of an underclass of teenagers receiving little or no formal

Eric Forth, the schools minister, said that some schools were "all too quick" to exclude troublesome pupils. He ac-knowledged that examination league tables could give headteachers an incentive to remove difficult pupils, but said that this would be a dereliction of professional duty. "Excluding a pupil from school should always be the last resort, not the first," Mr Forth said. "The government is concerned that too many pupils are being excluded and the alternative educational provision made for many of them is often inadequate.

Only one year's figures have been compiled nationally, but successive studies have indicated a rise in exclusions. Ministers are considering measures to reverse the trend, from added emphasis during teacher training on pupil behav-iour, to the inclusion of expulsions in school league

Among the options high-lighted by Mr Forth was the deduction of money from school budgets where exclusions were considered unreasonable. Schools taking in excluded pupils would be re-

warded with extra funding. Government research found that 3,000 pupils were permanently excluded from school in the academic year 1990-1. Boys were four times more

Contents of the tycoon's rented mansion expected to raise £300,000

Seat of power: Sotheby's porter Andy Turnbull clears Robert Maxwell's desk, which features a name plate expected to fetch up to £30

Maxwell's booty up for sale

By JOE JOSEPH

"BOHEMIAN?" asked the inquisitive blonde from CNN as she tipped up an engraved. thistle-shaped wine glass from Robert Maxwell's din-

tive schools. Home tuition might last only an hour a day. Well, it's obviously Harrods," sniggered the man from Sotheby's, who was organising the sale of con-tents of Headington Hill Research published by the National Union of Teachers last summer showed a 20 per cent increase in exclusions over a single year. The survey suggested that schools were Hall, the late tycoon's estate in Oxford rented from the city. council for £10,000 a year. influenced by the introduction But just think what it must of league tables and the lack of alternative support to deal have cost to buy all these glasses," he said, rememberwith disruptive pupils. ing his Bond Street manners. The National Association of

Schoolmasters/Union of The sale of more than 600 Women Teachers said that it lots in London next month was appalled by the plan to "tax schools for the sins of should fetch more than £300,000 for Maxwell's retheir pupils". Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary, said: "Teachers cannot teach ceivers. Yesterday, the doors of the mansion were opened to public eyes. Maxwell must and, at the same time, act as have grown so used to living in impersonal hotel bedrooms

that he turned the house into a hotel decorator's style manual: alongside the repro furniture there are those gawdy ornaments and seashellcovered statues that you see only in Hilton lobbies.

The two items that might really have lured curio hunters are not for sale. Maxwell's clothes have already been sent to charities, although his bedside Corby trouser press will be on the Sotheby's block. Still in place but missing

from the catalogue will be Maxwell's bedside telephone. with 35 pre-dialled call buttons, all clearly marked to connect a man who never interfered in his newspapers to everyone from his editors. Roy Greenslade, Eve Pollard and Richard Stott, to his sons Kevin and Ian, to the Mirror newsdesk, even to his London

Yet bouncing on his 6ftwide bed, staring at his giant

bedroom television, scribbling this article at the per-sonal bedroom desk where Maxwell dreamed up some of his fantastic rackets, staring out of the window at his poolside barbecue summer house, the mansion and its contents seemed as soulless and unhappy as his life. A house not a home, a place to display his look-who-l'm-with snaps of "Reagan and Bob", or "Bush and Bob", a place from which to cut deals and bark telephone orders.

On his drawing room desk sits a large black name plaque with "Robert Maxwell Chairman" picked out in mother-of-pearl, just in case Betty or the kids forgot who he was. Now you can buy it. The priciest lot is a painting

the Israeli artist Reuven bin, pitched at £15,000-£25,000. It is a view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. In death, as in life.

Tour firms confident of a holiday boom

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

TOUR operators are so convinced that the end of the recession is in sight that they are increasing the number of package holidays on offer over the next 12 months by 24 per

The number of Britons travelling abroad has fallen over the past two years. However, the Civil Aviation Authority, which licenses air travel holidays, has licensed 14.2 million for next year.

The figures mask a change

in the rules that now cover package holidays booked on scheduled airlines as well as charter airlines. Nonetheless, this would account for only about 12-15 per cent of the

Small tour operators have

increased the number of holi-

days on offer by far more than their bigger rivals, leading to fears that they are being too optimistic and that another price war is inevitable. A growing unease among tourists who visit Third World countries but remain isolated

from the poverty and hardship around them has led to the launch of a package tour that includes visits to charity aid stations and a compulsory £100 donation to Actionaid. Andrew Brock Travel's first

tour is planned for February, costing £1,575 per person, including the £100 donation. There will be visits to the Taj Mahal, Mysore and Cochin. plus a day at an Actionaid programme near Bangalore.

Cervical cancer deaths **cut by 15%**

BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES

DEATHS from cervical cancer, which rose dramatically among young women during the sixties and seventies, have fallen sharply in the past six years, according to the latest figures.

Deaths from the disease, which still claims almost 2,000 lives a year but is one of the most readily preventable cancers, fell by 15 per cent between 1985 and last year, accelerating the slow decline of the previous 30 years. Over the same period the propor-tion of women aged 20 to 64 having cervical smear tests doubled form 40 to 80 per

Dr Jack Cuzick, head of the epidemiology department of the Imperial Cancer Research Pund, which published the figures, said that at least half the women who died could have been saved if they had had a smear test. "We hope this is the beginning of a downward trend in deaths from this disease as more

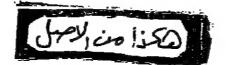
women take up offers of cervical screening." The increase in the proportion of women screened followed the setting up of the National Cervical Screening Programme in 1988 and changes in general practitioners' contracts in 1990 under which they were paid incentive bonuses if they met screening targets

The incidence of the disease trebled in the under-35sbetween 1960 and 1980 and the death rate rose 72 per cent, but the increases appear to have stabilised. The disease is thought to be transmitted by a virus during sexual inter-course. The éarlier the start of sex and the more partners, the greater the risk.

There have been three sharp increases in deaths from cervical cancer this century, each corresponding to a generation maturing at a time of freer sexual relationships: during the two world wars and the permissive sixties. Smoking is also thought to play a part.



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The Times £1 m charity appeal

Fund launched to give instant disaster relief

By RUTH GLEDHILL

MONEY in the bank is what saves lives when disasters strike, according to the co-ordinators of 1st AID, a new emergency relief appeal. The World Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief, an international charity set up in 1989 by the late Lord Cheshire with United Nations backing. wants to raise £1 million for the initial fund, which will be used to respond swiftly and

effectively to disasters.

Lord Cheshire's widow. Baroness Ryder of Warsaw, who is known worldwide as Sue Ryder, believes 1st AID could save thousands of lives simply by speeding up relief

delivery internationally.

Lady Ryder, founder of charity shops and of the Sue Ryder Foundation for the Sick and Disabled, said: "The money will go towards immediate disaster relief. We should be ready to go into action with teams of paramedics, doctors and nurses. This should be followed up by another team, to look at the medium and long-term needs.
"Everything that is given

will go directly to the people it is intended for. Only the minimum will be spent on administration and salaries." The Times' top 1.000 com-

panies are being asked for support, and of these all who make a donation will be listed in the January 1 issue of The

Donations will go towards a special emergency fund that can be released within hours to fund teams of experts as well as buy food, medicines, clothing and shelter. Organisers believe this will eliminate the time wasted waiting for the results of public appeals that follow most individual

David Putmam, the celebrated film maker and a trustee of the appeal, said yesterday: "It is the simplicity. almost the audacity, of 1st AID that makes it so attractive. As the money is there before disaster strikes, the aid and assistance can get where it is needed far more quickly and

efficiently."
The Overseas Development

Agency has catalogued more than 20 world disasters this year alone, ranging from famine in Somalia, an earthquake in Egypt, to floods in Pakistan and drought in Haiti.

Lady Ryder, who served during the second world war in the highly secret Polish section of the Special Operations Executive, wants to dispel the myth that a donation of 50p or £1 will not help problems on the scale of fighting in the former Yugoslavia, or the famines in



The Times 1st AID Appeal. 3 Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2N 2WW. Co-ordinated by the World Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief, a registered

Even 20p will make a difference to an individual's life, and we can guarantee that it gets there," she said. Ist AID can assure that £250 will provide enough food for 100 families for a week; £500 will buy 160 blankets for people made homeless; £1,000 will fully equip two emergency surgery teams, £2,500 will pay for a hospital tent equipped with 40 beds and £5,000 will

pay for the hire of a container truck with fuel and insurance. When there is a disaster. people often want to give but do not know where or how. Lady Ryder believes. Many are inhibited by a fear that supplies will not get through. or that once through they could be siphoned off by corrupt officials. She said: There is a very mild form of corruption everywhere. But Ican only speak from my own experience as a long distance driver, auxiliary nurse and relief worker. Whatever we have received, we have used."

Early next year, she is planning another long-dis-tance drive to the former Yugoslavia, where her foundation had 22 homes and hospitals. Up to seven have been severely damaged or destroyed in the fighting.

She said: "I saw indescrib-

able cruelty both during and after the war. We do not know what it is to endure torture. We cannot visualise what it is to be desperately cold or extremely hot; to have no food or water; to be in pain and not know there is any relief from that pain; to be in daily danger and see no hope on the horzon."

She is concerned in particular about the rise in fascism in Germany. "It is essential for people to remember what istory should teach us. It is no good saying that was all in the past, that it won't happen again. The present is a continuation of the past. Unless we face up to the realities of nazism and racial hatred, we have not learned anything," she said.

The Charities Aid Foundation will be responsible for all banking and donation aspects of 1st AID. The money will be transferred immediately to eligible charities, which will include only those concerned with international relief aid, or it will be held by CAF in a high-interest account for access when needed. Donations can be made by:

phoning the credit card hotline on 0272-226688 (24 hours); cheque/postal order payable to 1 st AID and sent to lst AID Appeal, c/o CAF Freepost TN 2257, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 5BR: or over the counter at any Bradford & Bingley Building Society or Midland Bank.

Solar Corona



In reflective mood: the actress Margi Clarke, who will present Carlton Television's seven-part Good Sex Guide in the new year

New ITV station uses sex to woo audiences

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

IF SEX sells tabloid newspapers it can attract more viewers to ITV, according to Carlton Television, which says it plans to amuse and educate adult viewers with advice on orgasms, impotence, inhibitions and bedside

The Good Sex Guide, a seven-part adult education programme hosted by the Liverpudlian actress Margi Clarke, will combine comedy sketches, factual information and expert advice with the personal revelations of more than 400 people.

Broadcast nationally on Monday nights at 10.40 from January 11, the programme will contain explicitadvice but will not be

salacious. Vicki Barrass, the producer, said: "It may get us into trouble but it's not

Carlton, which takes over ITV broadcasting from Thames in London at midnight on New Year's eve, had secure the Independent Television Commission's approval for the programme.

Ms Barrass, who recently produced BBC1's Move Over Darling series about feminism, said the programme will also examine men's anxieties over their sexual performance and penis size. Other topics include faking orgasm, premature ejaculation, sexual fantasies, safe sex and advice on how to "keep the spark

Sublimation at High Temp.:

Ms Clarke, who starred in Letter To Brezhnev and Making Out, said she agreed to present the programme because her star sign is Gemipresent the ni. "It's the most promiscuous sign. Besides, I have Scorpio rising, which is centred in the

Carlton has spent £43 million on 100 hours of networked programmes and 450 hours of regional output for the first 35 weeks of next year's ITV schedule. It will begin broadcasting with A Carlton New Year, a 90minute programme present-ed by Chris Tarrant and including Paul McCartney and his band in a rare live performance.

Carlton has produced four peak viewing time dramas. Head over Heels is set in 1950s London at the dawning of the rock 'n' roll era and Body and Soul is the story of a nun forced by family tragedy

to cope outside the convent. A Statement of Affairs is a story of friendships put to the test and Oasis, a ground-breaking children's drama, follows inner-city youngsters who try to convert wasteland into a

The new station will broad-

cast eight comedies under the Comedy Playhouse banner, including Wendy Craig and Sheila Hancock in Brighton Belles and Wild Oats, about an ageing playboy unable to accept he is past his prime. ☐ A savage sequel to Channel 4's spoof soap about the disintegration of the royal family promises to dash any hopes the Queen might have

had for a peaceful end to her 'annus horribilis' In Pallas II the actress playing the Queen is shown

frolicking naked in the show-

who is later seen vomiting after a large dinner. Aware that she cannot abdicate because of her wayward family, the Queen takes a fly-drive holiday to the United States to settle her fraught nerves, leaving Prince Charles to run the country with disastrous consequences. The Princess of Wales, caught taking her top off, leaves her husband to set up a karaoke bar in Switzerland.

The three 25-minute episodes are among the high-lights of Channel 4's £9 million Christmas schedule. which will also feature Charlie Chaplin classics and a documentary about the comic, Our Charlie, broadcast to coincide with the release of Sir Richard Attenborough's

Astronomical Contributions on the Solar System

SUNJH

By J.J.H. SAMRA (*)

ABSTRACTS

This paper includes the following astronomical con-

- a IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF MAGNETIC setic field lines from the Sun and solar wind. nake the zodiacal light particles orbit the Sun with • CONSEQUENCES OF HIGH TEMPERATURE
- SUBLIMATION AT SOLAR CORONA Generation of particles with a diameter of less than 10 angstroms. The solar wind is highly effective ing these small particles outsand.
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- stroms, as it is demonstrated here below, the Earth accretion rate is over 12 million tons/yr. MEDITARY FUNCTION OF COMETS AND ASTEROIOS
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- is: 4 million tone/yr. which is adequate for the referred purpose, and is a part of the total accretion ORIGIN OF SEP (Solar Energetic Particles . ANOMALOUS ABUNDANCE OF COPPER
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- a ZODIACAL LIGHT PARTICLES DETECTOR A descript and analyzer of andiscal light particles is not available yet. A method for this purpose is detailed.

1. INTRODUCTION

The contributions referred to, are detailed and demon strated in Sections 1 and 2.

LI IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF MAGNETIC TELD LINES AND SOLAR WIND Magnetic Field Lines and Solar Wind Intervention It is known that solar wind flows along a spiral path dictated by magnetic fields from the Sun. The rotation of the Sun produces the spiral pattern.

Thus, subtimated particles, accelerated by solar wind also flow along a spiral path.

Vectors representing the velocity of sublimized openes: Vs and Vr (see Figure) Tangential Component VI, with a retrograde sense, contributions to the retrograde motion of the rediacal

Radial Component Vr. pushes acdined light particles to an outer orbit the Earth orbit, and thus the particles present there increase in density. It is known the exis-tence of a dust Coud around the Earth with Therefore, magnetic field lines from the Son and

1.2 CONSEQUENCES OF SOLAR CORONA

o of Particles with a diam. of less then 10 observations of condening metal vapors, idue to a sing gamp, below 3,000 KL give particles with a idual diam, of less than 10 angstroms /2/.

if we consider that subjectation at solar co-occurs at a much higher temperature

(solar corona temp. is over 1.000,000 K), then there sould be no doubts that the incoming consetury and asteroidal particles will be converted into molecular and atomic sizes, with a diameter of less than 10

toward the zodiacal light by solar wind.

- Solar wind is Highly Effective blowing these small Particles outward. This is due to the known fact that, at ive acceleration is inversely ity, the rept

13 HIGHLY EFFICIENT EARTH ACCRETION

Due to the considerable speed difference between the Earth orbital motion (direct sense at 29.8 km/soct. and the zodiacal light motion (retrograde sense at similar speed), the penetration of the zodiacal light particles

As it is known these particles become con-Earth Accretion Rate is Man, at Equatorial and Middle

Vectors representing the flux are at right angles at the centre, and included at the borders. However, Earth is rotating, the flux becomes uniform, beto immun at the equatorial and middle latitudes.

Earth Accretion Rate is Minimum at Polar Areas All vectors representing the flux an mum amount of particles from should penetrate in those areas.

in practice, this prediction is quite confirmed

1.4 EARTH ACCRETION RATE investigations indicate a magnitude of about 40 tons/day of meteor dust, equivalent to 14,600 tons/yr. The mass median weight of the particles is about 10 micrograms which corresponds to a radius of about

100 microns /4/.
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stroms, as detailed below, the Earth accretion rate is over 12 million tons/yr. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 14,600 tons/yr

a) Those Particles Never Reacked the Solar Corona The relatively big diameters of those particles, are andi-cating that they never reached the solar corona, where sublimation at high team, generates a particle drain, of less than 10 augstroms (Sect. I.2). They are mainly particles that spiralling are and to

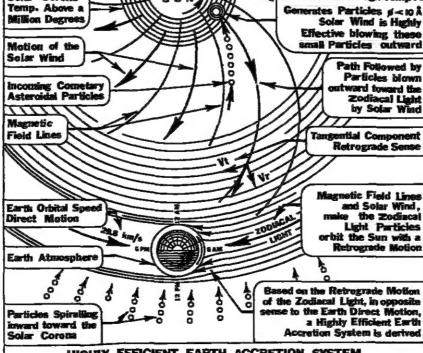
the Sun, strike or are attracted by the Earth. As It is known, partial ablation in the atmosphere reduces pur-

FLUX OF PARTICLES THAT SPIRAL INWAPD tes with bound solar orbits enter the atmosphere with a known minimum velocity of approx. It im/sec. The sphere of attraction of that min. speed has a radius of less than 400,000 km (deans; 800,000 km)

If 14,600 tons/yr of particles in the range size described, strike or are attracted to the Earth, in an influence diameter of less than 800 000 km, then through the Earth orbit of 940 million km, tand with higher inclinations too) more than 17 million long'y? will be spiralling inward to the Sun

This is a minimum value. Decause there is a considerable amount of particles from cornerary origin as well, that are spiralling inward to the Sun, from different directions and inchmittons.

Therefore, considering the consquences of high normature sublimation at solar corona (Sect. 1.2).



HIGHLY EFFICIENT EARTH ACCRETION SYSTEM and the highly efficient Earth accretion system (Section 1-3), a

Obviously the median value is greater, and a precise autode can be obtained with the relatively simple method

1.5 IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF COMETS AND It has been proved by numerous investigations that trace metals for photosynthesis (Re. Me. Cu) and for healthy growth (Ni. V. Cu, etc) are present in every precipitation all

Section 2 details the influence of all the terrestrial pos-Societies demonstrating that the referred mann and con-source is not terrestral but extendentescral (contests)

1.6 ORIGIN OF SEP (Solar Energale Particles) From the above demonstrations it is deduced that SEP are the result of incoming cometary and asseroidal particles, sub-limated at solar corona and blows outward by high energetic protons due to flares (and normally blown outward by solar

The SEP flux is small, because the high energy ions flux, that accelerate them, are relativ Measurement upon all thoses in MeV/req cits, sec-then the ratio of that specific energy for high energetic tons to SEP becomes in good agreement with the cor-tooding ratio of solar wind protons to particles accelerated them as a second control of the second control of the cor-

1.7 ANOMALOUS ABUNDANCE OF COPPER RELITIVE TO IRON, FOUND IN THE SPECTRUMS OF THE SUNGRAZING COMET 1995 VIII In the referred comet Cu/Fe is agree, 1/4, while in chondraic nucleorities Cu/Fe is 1/3162 /8, 9/. There is not attenuated abundance, because particles or outward by solar wind are a combination of cometary

and asteroidal particles.

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ULET (Ultra Low Energy Telescope), can efficiently detect SEP (Solar Energetic Particles), but it has these limitations: High threshold (about 1 MeV/)aucleon) /11/, while a micleous (Fe) from the zodiacal light, impacting at 60 km/see has only 1 KeV/nucleon, and also it cannot detect and analyze the very large flux of the zodiacal light particles.

assumed in Sect. 1.4, audited light particles of less

tion 10 augstroms dameter penetrate the atmosphere at a min. rate of 12 million tons/yr.

Sauchte measurements indicate a value of 40 tons/dry (14,600 tons/yr) 1/4. Confirmed by LDEF (Long Duration Exposure Facility) /12/, for particles over 100 angstroms

then 0.15 per creat. Ohi to already an improvement is obtain the referred disc receives impacts during night and more quadratures only (Sect. 1.3) Meteor showers flux, is aprov. 40 tons/day during should known time inter-als /4/, and in this proposal it would

Special Impact Disc Therefore a special impact desc. provided with an adequate and ultra pure adhesive substance, on a surface of one sq meter, (geometry factor; I sq m - sri and installed on one of ce Shuttles, tobsic by with max, possible altitude

Having those 300 micrograms in a one liner solution, the concentration will be 300 micrograms/1 (aprex. 300 ppb), which is quite sufficient to analyze (by AAS, FL) the elements of the periodic table from Z 3 up to Z 30. Alternative Method: same impact disc, installed on "Carrane" Recuperable Capsule /13/. 2. TRACE METALS FOR PHOTOSYNTHESIS AND FOR HEALTHY GROWTH, ARE PRESENT IN PRE CIPITATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD AND IN

CONSTANT CONCENTRATION ORDER (S

 Ser waters: In mg/l. present day composition of sea waters;
 (1) (9,000; Fe. 0.01; Mar. 0.002. Cur. 0.003; Ni. 0.007; 0 002: Cer 0.0004 /14/.

vary from 0.1 to 0.2 mg/1 (av.: 0.15) in rural areas. In ourse

area the value is about 13 mg/1-/15, 6/. taining the same ratio: Cl/Fe (equal to 1.900,000). Militarining the sense range cuprat on 1-records.

CVMn. etc for sen water and rainfall, simple calculation shows that the av. influence of sea water trace
metals in rural precipitations (see Sect. 4) is less than
0.001 per cent (insignificant) and less than 0.5 per cent

It will obviously be present in rainfall samples col-lected in a dust storm, around industrial corners, or near roads with heavy traffic, esc :

Soil contemination: mainly terrestrial clays (the lig constituent of solist, which are clearly seen by SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope), with magnification up to 30,000X, and with the aid of cristing electron micro-

on, are also desected easily /17/. These processes server much the boiling point of

Exhaustive investigations show that a substantial fraction of heavy metals emission are disposhed in a radius of 10 km /18/.

On the other hand, in namples collected under special precautions including nonvolcanic periods, for from contaminating centers, with wet weather, prevail-ing winds from the sex, and collection at the end of a persistent rainfall, all the contaminants described disappear completely, cherked by SFM before avalues Then the analyses (by AAS, FLL performed under the above conditions indicate at least the min, av. of trace metals concentration as desailed in Sect. 4.c. which evidently are not due to terrestrial but to extra-

The corresponding has is calculated in the follow-

This value is in agreement with the requirement for photosynthesis and healthy growth, in a normal agricultural production, for grains only (where stems and stubble recycles/19/ and they are a pair of the min. 12 million tous/yr acrosol by the Earth (Sect. 1.4). The mean value of these magnitudes should be easily deter-mined by the relatively simple method recommended

CONVERGING EVENTS THAT CONFIRM PRECEEDING DEMONSTRATION:

c) Extremely low times metals concentration at polar areas: its origin is now noderstood. (Details and demd) Precipitations all over the world contain: Fe, Mrs, Co,

Ni. V. Co in constant concentration order: he origin is In fact, as demonstrated in Sect. 1.4, particles from the In fact, 25 demonstrates in Sect. 1.4, purcous means and addings! light penetrate into the atmosphere and become condensation muclej.

It is known that the occur is the main source of

satur vapor, and one of the most unpolluned areas.
Therefore when those nuclei are captured by the clouds, the wind distributes the same composition and concentration order to the different continents. The concentrations are aprex, inversely propor-nal to see salt context, (Sect. 4) because in the ocean

up so 3 km of altitude there is a maritime see) Sul and anthropogunic custodium.
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s it is known the Earth area is 509.6 million of km (Land: 29 %) The precipitation average over the whole. Earth 11 about 100 cm/yr, and this means that for a

concentration of one microgram/! of any trace metal, a deposition of 10 g/m or ! kg/sq km corresponds. Therefore, adding the engagestration values indicated in Soci. 4, the results are: RURAL PRECIPITATION 26.4 ppb. OCEAN PRECIPITATIONS: 1.74 ppb.

caus, use corresponding deposition on land and ocean are: 2.95 and 1.10 addition tons/yr, and this total deposited on Earth in 4 million tons/yr. In land and sea areas the polar areas have been deducted, due to the extremely low enacentration value.

4. TRACE METALS IN PRECIPITATIONS (microgram/1: ppb) /6, 3/ a) OCEAN PRECIPITAIONS: regulerum sen sait con-

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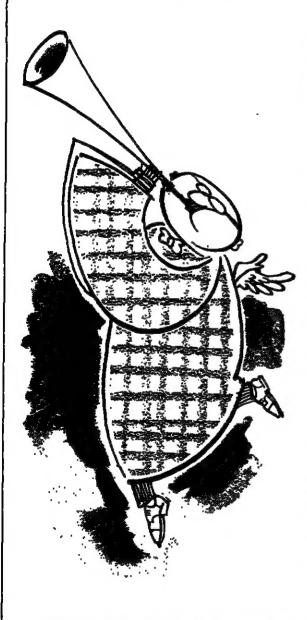
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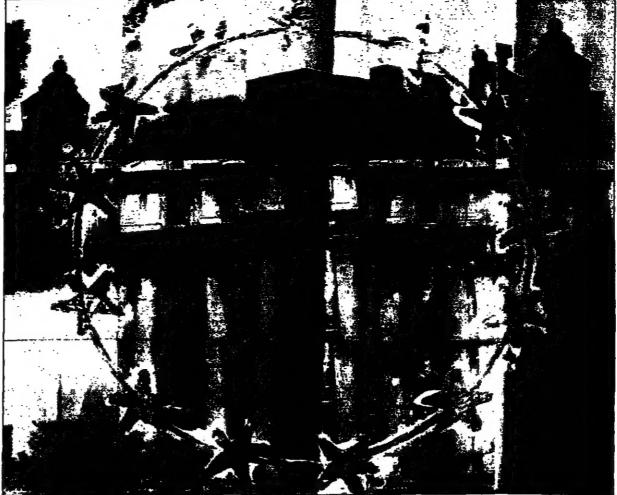
EC summit exhibition showcases British artists

IF John Major needs his spirit bolstered at next week's Edinburgh summit. he could do worse than pay a visit to the city's art centre, where part of the European Parliament art collection is on show together with this year's 15 new British

European Parliament art collection? Few MEPs know it exists and fewer members of the European public. Be-gun in 1979, the collection contains contemporary work by artists from each of the member states. Each year parliamentary funds are made available for each country in turn to buy homegrown work. This year it was Britain's turn to scour the galleries and studios for rep-

esentative art. The exhibition in Edinburgh, part of the European art festival, which is intended to celebrate Britain's EC residency, is the public's first opportunity to view the paintings and photographs that usually adorn corridors and offices in Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg. Nick Serota, director of the

Nick Serota, director of the Tate, and Andrew Wheatley. co-ordinator of the Twelve Stars exhibition, were given £70,000 to buy British work of their choice. They have concentrated on work by younger artists — of the 15 only three are aged over 40—and have chosen a rich mit of and have chosen a rich mix of abstract painting, sculpture and photography from England. Scotland. Wales and Northern Ireland.



State of the union: Rory Donaldson's State 13 portrays a Europe seared by the emblem of unity

exhibition highlighted the growing importance of European art. "Increasingly, artists are more interested in being seen in Europe rather than America. New York still in Europe." Internal EC poli-

tics during the past six months have affected the art festival, but the exhibition should cheer the British contingent. "The festival is

are paying more attention to our achievement in the arts attention increasingly because while we are no longer world, or even Euro-

ers." he said.

The exhibition was first mooted by Patricia Rawlings, MEP, who was keen to publicise an institutional articularities that believes the collection that belongs to a public ignorant of its exis-tence. "It was actually unknown to most of the MEPs, but art is an integral part of the whole community which we should all share and appreciate," she said. If Mr Major decides to

invite his 11 counterparts to view the exhibition, they should take a look at one of the new acquisitions by Scot-tish artist Rory Donaldson. In it a monumental Euro-pean building, which is frag-mented and tinged with fiery red, has been branded with an ominous 13-starred EC logo - perhaps calling into question an expanding Euro-pean Community that app-ears to be simultaneously

falling apart at the seams.

Mr Wheatley hopes that
Britain's seriousness in making its selection will set a precedent. By asking the director of the Tate to pick work and by organising the exhibition. Britain has innovative and young art.

The piece bought from the idest and most established of the artists chosen, the sculptor Kenneth Armitage, is an example of British art at its most international and ommunicative.

Armitage produces figures in brass, resin and aluminium that explore universal forms said to hold the possibility of "speaking to anyone, anywhere".

Secret Treasury paper lists exemptions

Public-sector workers may breach pay limits

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government's 1.5 per cent pay limit will not apply evenly to all public-sector employees, according to a confidential document prepared by the Treasury and seen by The

The paper, which sets out details of the pay restraint policy, is the first indication that there may be flexibilities in the pay policy that could be rises of more than the 1.5 per cent ceiling announced earlier this month by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor.

While the Treasury document, marked "Management in confidence", restates that "all public-sector employees will be treated alike", it says clearly that the policy will not apply to some elements of pay in the public sector, such as performance pay. It also suggests that the low-paid may be subject to special provision.

UP TO A quarter of the clergy

in the diocese of Durham are

contemplating resignation over the issue of women's

ordination, and several more

are holding back from openly

Although Durham diocesan

officials say they will not become involved in a numbers

game, the figure of up 60 priests allowing their names to

go on a list compiled by a leading campaigner in the diocese is far greater than the 25 predicted before the mea-

sure was passed last month.

It is also a possible source of

mbarrassment for Dr David

Jenkins, the Bishop of Dur-

ham, and the suffragan

bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Rev

Alan Smithson, who have

spoken strongly in favour of

The total of 60 is claimed by

joining the dissenters' ranks.

■ Guidelines on civil servants' pay suggest the government's policy may be more flexible than it seemed at first

Union negotiators are likely to seize on exemptions mentioned in the paper to get round the pay policy. One public-sector union pay nego-tiator said yesterday. There is certainly scope within the system for people to do better The exemptions to the ceil-

ing include: Derformance pay, which the government is seeking to spread across the public sector although the Treasury was unable to say how many

public sector employees were

Productivity schemes. Bluecollar industrial civil servants, for example, all work under these schemes, which the document says would be

the Rev Ian Hoskins, rector of St Margaret's, Durham, and

a sympathiser with the Cost of

Conscience movement, which

is opposed to the ordination of

women. "A lot more are

seriously disturbed, but have

not gone as far as saying they

are contemplating resigna-tion," Mr Hoskins said.

A spokesman for Dr Jenkins

said that he would not make

any public comment on the

allow time for reflection. How-

ever, it had always been ex-

pected that there would be

difficulties for some priests, as

well as laity, which ever way

number was apparently so high. Dr Jenkins and the

Bishop of Jarrow have

organised a series of meetings

There was surprise that the

the vote went,

with the doubters.

ie until after the new year to

Discontent grows

over women priests

By PAUL WILKINSON

☐ Bonus pay. Many chief executives of government agencies such as Customs and Excise and the Benefits Agen-cy, which were formerly full Whitehall departments or substantial parts of them, receive private-sector-style bonus pay-

ments and the document says these should continue; □ Local labour market allowances. Special payments introduced to deal with specific recruitment problems several years ago, for example for typists in London, which are still paid as part of salary despite higher unemployment

"will not be constrained within [the] overall limit", the document says:

The low-paid. While any such arrangements should not be made centrally, the paper suggests possible flexibility by saying that "those responsible for negotiating within the public sector will have discre-

tion to award different increases to different groups within [the] overall limit". Under previous pay policies, management and union negotiators have often tried to pay extra by such means as productivity bargaining in the 1960s and self-financing pro-ductivity deals in the 1970s. They may try to exploit flexibil-

ities suggested by the Treasury to beat the 1.5 per cent limit. In addition to the exceptions to the pay policy, the Treasury paper raises questions about the policy not mentioned by the government when the limit was announced. It dismisses the idea that the policy discriminates against the public sector, denies that the limit

claims that it is unfair. It also raises the question of the policy continuing for long-er than the year specified by the Chancellor, noting that while the government has said it will last for just 12 months, Britain may be "moving into a world where lower pay settlements are the norm.

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Fewer under-20s spurn drug use

YOUNG people have an increasingly relaxed attitude to drugs, with almost 30 per cent believing that cannabis should be legalised and only two thirds saying they would never third the saying they would never third the saying t try hard or soft drugs. But they are becoming increasingly worried about Aids and show rising concern about the

environment. The findings are revealed in Youth Facts 3, a survey of 532 people aged 11-20 conducted by Emap Metro and Marketing Direction Ltd.

Four years ago more than 80 per cent said they would never experiment with any drugs and only 14 per cent believed cannabis should be legalised. This year only two thirds said they would never experiment and the percentage supporting legalisation allowing the use of cannabis had more than doubled.

The young people's greatest concern is their careers. Their worries about Aids are reflected in the figure of only 25 per cent who would be embarrassed to go into a shop to buy condoms today, compared with a third in 1988.

The most significant change over the past four years is in

More than half of young people want to accept more responsibility in their lives, eat and drink sensibly and disagree that there is too much concern for the environment The same proportion would not buy toiletries or cosmetics which have been tested on animals, while two thirds try to buy and use environmentally friendly products.

Although the number of young people has dropped from 8.7 million in 1988 to 7.3 million today, they have an increased annual disposable income of £9.4 billion, 19 per cent more than in 1988 after inflation is taken into account. This rise could be because young people live with their parents longer as they

cannot afford to move out. Their top spending priorities are going out, clothes, records and tapes. The top three magazines read by boys are about computers and the most favoured newspaper is

News of the World. SPENDING MONEY Average disposable income per v boys and girls age 11-20 BOYS GIRLS

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BEISH BRIEF Lodger murdered

landlady A lodger was jailed for life yesterday for strangling and robbing his landlady after making love to her. Oktay Oczelebi. 28, a clerk, was convicted at the Old Bailey of murder. His claim that he accidentally killed spinster Feriha Apa, 48, was rejected by the the statement of t

by the jury.

His case led to protests last
April when Judge Denison
ruled against keeping him in
prison on remand. Despite police objections Oczelebi was granted bail with stringent conditions.

Mr David Calvert-Smith, prosecuting, said Oczelebi attacked Miss Apa at her home in Wood Green, north London, after she had invited him in on September 8, 1990. They had sex while watching the film Planet of the Apes on television and Oczelebi strangled her with his hands and the telephone cord. He fled with her jewellery and went abroad but was traced and

Damages won

Stephen Stewart, 8, whose mother, Constance, bled to death after an emergency caesarean operation at Dulwich Hospital, southeast London, within hours of him being born in September 1984, was awarded £56,250 damages at the High Court yesterday. Camberwell Health Authority denied negligence but agreed the settlement for Stephen, who lives with his grandparents, Iris and Eworth Stewart, in Mitcham, south London.

Guard accused

John Edward Starkey, a sec urity guard at Stansted Airport, was yesterday accused of two charges under the 1883 Explosives Act of causing an explosion likely to endanger life or property after incendiary device attacks on a W Harry in Smith store and a library in Chelmsford, Esser Starkey, 51, of Writtle, Chelmsford, was remanded in custody until Wednesday next week. There was no application for bail.

in the first of an occasional series, I interview people in the public eye about their plans for the festive season. No 1: John Birt.

Q: Mr Birt, do you have an

advent calender? A: There are two — perhaps three — possibly four ways of looking at that question. The first suggests that I may have an advent calendar, the second that I may not have an advent calendar, the third that I may have more than one advent calendar. What one must always do is look for a middle ground, though of course the higher and lower grounds should by no

means be ignored. Q: Thank you for clarifying your position. Could I now ask you, Mr Birt, how your Christmas shopping is

CRAIG BROWN



A: I certainly want to be Christmas shopping. At this stage it would be a great mistake just to go for a narrow type of present, though of course we must learn to specialise in areas of excellence simply than going after everything, willy-nilly. Q: What have you asked Santa to give you this

A: I've asked him to come up

with a wide range of ideas in a discussion document, to be printed as soon as possible or indeed later - ideas that, on the one hand won't be simply dry and elitist, but, on the other, won't be cheap ways of gaining popularity. O: And Santa will make this discussion document available in time for Christmas? A: In time for Christmas '96: yes. I am confident that we can have every hope of that, viability permitting.

Q: Happy Christmas, Mr A: Thank you, and may I wish all your readers a broadly-based Christmas, offering fresh challenges for the new year. Alternatively

Q: I'm afraid that's all we have time for, Mr Birt.

A LAW FOR PRIVACY?

SHOULD there be a

law to protect privacy? Cooper, QC, and Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, will join Simon Jenkins, the former editor of The Times, and Richard Shepherd MP to debate the issue at the London Press Centre New Street Square, London EC4 on December 2 at 6.30pm (071-704 9941). Lord Woolf will be in the chair. To obtain tickets to the forum, Should there be a law to protect privacy?, being held in association with

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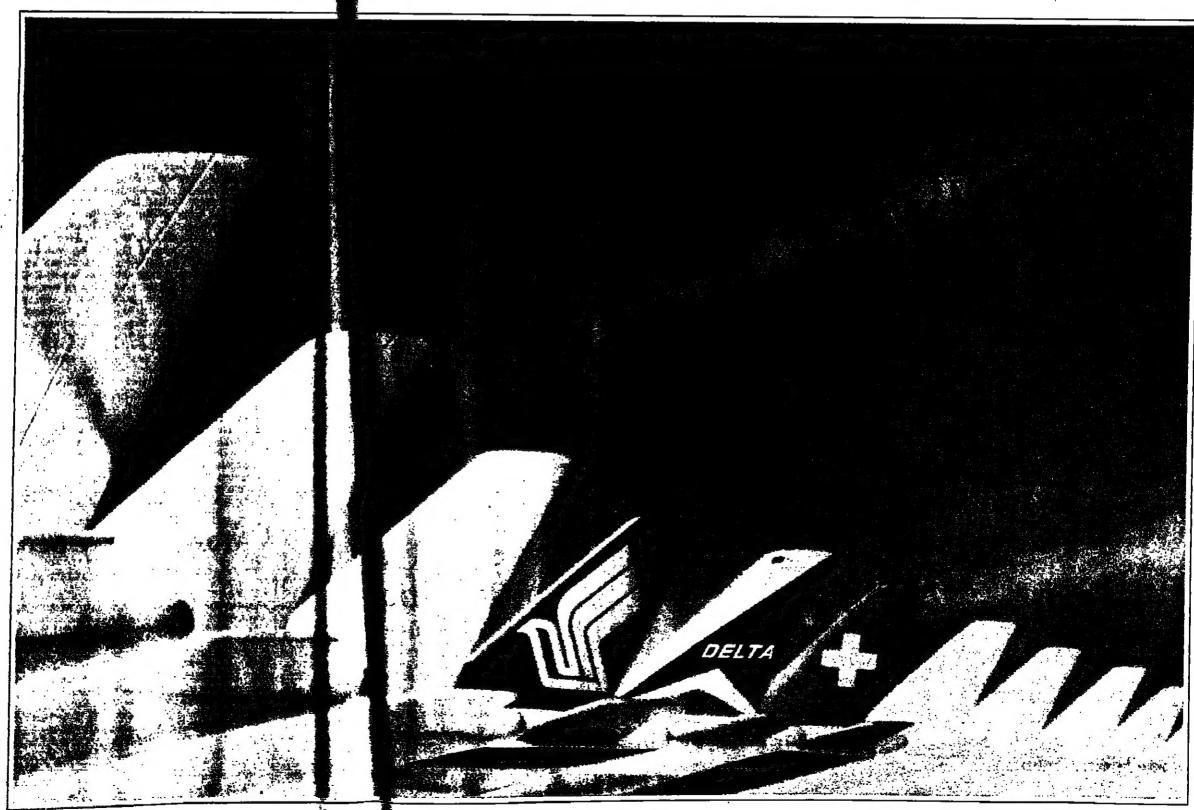
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French refuse to lift threat of veto on trade deal

By Michael Hornsby

FRANCE remains opposed to a world trade deal that includes the cuts in farm subsidies agreed by European Community and American negotiators in Washington early last month, a senior French government minister said yesterday. Asked whether France was

prepared to lift its threat to veto a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade settlement, Jean-Pierre Soisson, the French agriculture minister, replied brusquely: "No change," as he emerged from a three-hour meeting over lunch with his British opposite number, John Gummer, in London. M Soisson brushed aside further questions.

The two men dined on fresh tomato soup and roast English lamb with caper sauce, washed down with red and white Burgundy from M Soisson's home region. The meal failed to change the French minister's view that a Gatt deal as proposed would impose a bigger burden on French farmers than they would have to accept under the recent reform of the European Community's common agricultural policy.

Mr Gummer said: "The French government does want to have a Gatt settlement but it does have some very real problems on the agricultural front and our job will have to be to try to find the best way in

which we can help them." Mr Gummer said he had received "an absolute and total" assurance from M Soisson that the French government would "use all the force of French law" to prevent French farmers from disrupting exports of British livestock and farm produce to the Continent A militant faction of French farmers has threatened to start a campaign of attacks on lorries carrying British produce today. They

accuse Britain of conniving with the United States to push through a deal on reducing farm subsidies that goes beyond the cuts envisaged under CAP reform. Mr Gummer said that all

the evidence he had, showed that the proposed Gait settlement could be accommodated within the reform. "The deal in Washington was a good one for Europe. The Ameri-cans have moved very significantly in our direction," he said. As a major exporting country, France needed a Gatt settlement as much as any country in Europe.

Earlier David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said violence by French farmers against British exports would be outrageous and counter-productive. We can understand the concern of French farmers, but taking to the streets is not the best way to make progress. It is time for cool heads and steady nerves rather than for vio-

lence," he said. Speaking at the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court in London, Mr Naish said: "We do not want the policymakers to stop listening to us because we are behaving like hooligans." The Gatt deal would put extra pressure on agriculture but there was still room for negotiation on the details of its implementation even though the broad frame-work could not now be altered.

The NFU shares some of the French concerns about the future impact of a Gatt deal. In particular there is worry about the possibility that the amount of arable land that will have to be left fallow will need to be increased beyond the 15 per cent required under the CAP reform if the EC is to stay within the export limits agreed with the United States. Any increase would bear heavily on Britain because few



Bringing home the bacon: John Gummer, the agriculture minister, gets hands-on experience of pig farming at the Royal Smithfield show at Earls Court yesterday

British farmers are small enough to be exempt from the set-aside requirement.

☐ Brussels: Jürgen Mőllemann. the German economics minister, yesterday warned the French government not to jeopardise the Gatt accord (Tom Walker writes).

At an EC energy council in Brussels, Herr Möllemann said that if France vetoed the

against the Washington deal. Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, appealed to them: deal with Washington, then the drawn-out problems of Britain and Denmark ratify-Don't play with fire." ing the Maastricht treaty Yesterday the agricultural would be aggravated. "That is violence spread to Spain. why the German government

where the American embassy is asking its French friends to in Madrid was pelted with be more flexible." Herr potatoes, fruit and grain by Möllemann said. Today 50,000 farmers were expected to take to the streets

Maastricht rebels vow to fight for referendum debate

By JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP WERSTER

when the committee stage

Ministers are still counting the cost of the concession granted by John Major to avert a defeat in the Commons

on November 4. The pledge

then that the bill's third read-

ing would not be held until May, after the second Danish

referendum, has undoubtedly

weakened the government's

negotiating stance in the nun-

up to Edinburgh Senior ministers, however

are increasingly optimistic that the Danes, who inherit the EC presidency from Brit-

ain in January, will be in a position to hold their referen-

dum in the spring.
Provided the Edinburgh

summit can give them satisfac-

tion on the four key doubts

they have raised on the treaty.

including citizenship and the

single currency, ministers believe their Copenhagen

counterparts will be deter-

mined to clear up the "Danish

question" while they are in

charge of running the Com-

munity. Were they to fail to do so. Mr Major would face the dilemma of whether to wait

indefinitely for the Danes, or

to press on regardless in May,

prompting charges from the sceptics that he had reneged

The Labour party is unlikely

to vote as one against the government, unless it attempts

to bring in a "guillotine"

motion to limit discussion. It

will, however, support amend-

ments for the social chapter,

the election of the committee

of regions and amendments

relating to economic and

Dr Jack Cunningham, the

shadow foreign secretary did

leave the door open on Sun-

day for Labour to vote down

the bill when it reaches its final

reading next year, although

party sources emphasised yes-

terday that no decision had

been made. Tory whips know

that they will have to be on

their guard for the ambush, in

which the diverse opponents

combine to inflict a damaging

reverse on the government.

monetary union.

continues early next year.

TORY Euro-rebels said last a close relatively early, allnight that they would fight against moves to block a referendum amendment to the Masstricht treaty bill, which returns to the commons today for what is expect-

The warning came after Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, told MPs that he would take a tough line if they tried to disrupt the passage of the bill with endless points of order. Mr Morris, who will chair the committee stage. took the unusual step of rying to ensure an orderly rassage for the bill by calling in signatories from all panies of the 350 amendment that have been tabled. Nearly 100 amendments have not been accepted because the have been out of order.

In an effort to reduce filibustering. Mr Morris told select-ed Euro-loyalists and Eurospectics how they could use his office to get amendments in order and to make represents. tions rather than raise these in the House. He made it clear, however, that no money resolutions - covering a referendum - would be accepted.

Mr Morris also ingered many Euro-sceptics by sug-gesting that the first amendments would be crouped together in a general common-purpose heading. This would include a debute on a Liberal Democrat motion. that Title 1 of the Mastricht treaty, which deembes the nature of the European union, should be included in the bill. Many of the leading rebels, such as Sir Teddy Latlor, were furious last night that the bill was so short that it would only allow debate on a very small part of the treats. Sir Teddy was also clearly anury that a referendum was out of order.

Mr Morris spent yesterday afternoon seeing some MPs on their own and others in a group to try to persuade them against raising interminable points of order today.

Although ministers are expected to bring proceedings Final harvest, page 25 | tonight and tomorrow night to AROUND THE LOBBY

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MPs were urged yester-day not to overturn the Church of England decision to allow the ordination of woman. Michael Alison, who answers in the Commons for the Church Commissioners, said: "It is the standard tradition we do not over-turn the majorities reached in the General Synod." The church would compensate any clergyman who felt he had to leave because he could not accept women priests. MPs are expected to vote on the issue next July.

War files

Secret files relating to German wartime occupation of the Channel Islands are to be made public today, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said. Some will not be opened "on the grounds of personal

Court plea

The Lord Chancellor's department is considering a suggestion that magistrates' courts should open in the evening for the convenience of court users.

Culprit sought

An investigation is to be carried out to discover who drew a moustache on the portrait of Baroness Thatcher that hangs in the new Parliament Building. Betty Boothroyd, the

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: employment; prime minister. European Communities (amendment) bill, committee, first day. Lords (2.30): British Coal and British Rail (transfer proposals) bill, committee. second day.

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MPs demand rethink on defence cuts

BY SHELLA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government should abandon the deep cuts planned in the armed forces under its Options for Change programme, the Commons

defence committee says.

The committee, under its new chairman. Sir Nicholas Bonsor, argued that since the phased reduction of about 100,000 jobs was drawn up in July 1990, the defence commitments had changed, cast-ing doubt on the wisdom of

sticking to the original plans. From the report on the defence estimates, and last week's sessions with defence officials, the MPs have made it clear they are increasingly anxious that the smaller army could be overstretched in meeting commitments in Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia

and elsewhere. Since the cuts were announced there had been the



Bonsor questioning wisdom of proposals

potentially violent break-up of the Soviet Union, withdrawal of Soviet forces from Central and Eastern Europe, the break-up of Yugoslavia, growing instability in the Near and Middle East, and further military commitments to the United Nations. The MPs hinted that demand for the cuts came from the Treasury. "It does ...

seem odd that new force levels tion of financial profligacy," and structures were fixed in the MPs said. July 1990 with some precision before the basic roles which they were to fulfil had been determined even within the defence ministry.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, assured the committee that the strategic changes did not change the reasoning behind Options for Change. The committee said: This implies that the key choices made in 1990 have ... produced solutions robust and flexible enough to cope with unforeseen changes, leaving the current administration the task of carryng through decisions already made. We find

this barely credible." The report pointed out that redundancies would cost around £400 million a year for three years, which would take some years to recoup. "Should numbers be increased again in that period, those responsible will be open to the accusa-

whether the decisions taken in 1990 to halve the submarine fleet, the Royal Armoured Corps and the Tomado bomber force still look plausible. "The time has now come to stand back and take stock of the totality of the proposals for British armed forces for the next decade, in the light of recent changes in the strategic environment, and of pressures

on the defence budget. The MPs were appalled that a situation had been allowed to develop in which there were insufficient spares for major equipment as a result of Treasury pressures "and also apparently because of a belief that they would never be required to fight".

House of Commons defence com-mittee 1st report: Statement on the defence estimates 1992 (Stationery Office) £23.50.

Peers fail to halt privatisation bill

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE government comfort-ably fought off an attempt by Opposition peers yesterday to shelve a bill paving the way for coal and rail privatisation. Labour and Liberal Democrat peers were angered by the gov-ernment's determination to press ahead with legisla-tion affecting the coal in-dustry before completion of the pit closure review announced in October.

The bill was withdrawn by the government in October in the wake of controversy over plans to shut 31 coal pits, 21 of which were later made the subject of a moratorium pending an independent enquiry. Peers argued yesterday that nothing had changed, and that it would be premature to reintroduce the bill, which allows British Rail and British Coal to call in outside advisers to help plan towards privatisation. The motion to delay the British Coal and British

Rail (transfer proposals)

bill, moved by Lord Rich-

ard, Labour's new leader in

the Lords, was defeated by

165 votes to 106, a govern-ment majority of 59. Lord

Richard said that the Lords had voted in October not to proceed with the bill until there had been a full and open coal industry review. "I find it quite astonishing that this bill is back again in front of the House." He had three basic objections. The bill was now being considered on the same basis as in October, it was impossible to argue that it had nothing to do with the closure programme, and to proceed would go against the specific resolution of the Lords.

Lord Richard was assured by Lord Wakeham, for the government, that the bill for actual privatisa-tion would not come before Parliament before the coal industry review was complete. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the Liberal Democrat leader in the Lords, said that "the least esteemed government within living memory" should be trying to win friends rather

than alienate everybody. Later, an attempt by Lord Ezra, the former Coal Board chairman, to omit British Coal from the bill, was defeated by 51 votes.

Move to boost pensions

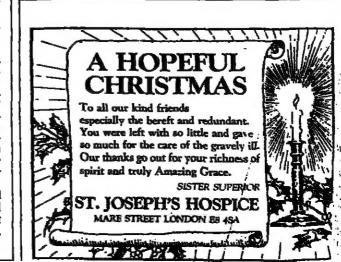
By ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

IN AN attempt to discourage per cent National Insurance contribution rebate for those aged 30 and over is to be introduced next April

Moving the second reading of the social security bill, Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, told the Commons that, despite Labour predictions, personal pensions had become popular and nearly five million people had taken them up since they started in 1988. They were particuarly attractive to younger people. Over the same period more people had joined vocational

pension funds. Unlike the state-run Serps, private pensions raised money which could be invested in industry. The bill provides for several billion pounds to be transferred from the consolidated fund to the national insurance fund to make up the shortfall. The grant would allow for greater flexibility in operating the fund, Mr Lilley said.

Donald Dewar, the shadow social security secretary, said that the subvention was a monument to the failure of government economic policy over the past three years. It showed how deep the recession had been.



Moscow rivals claim victory in verdict on Communist party

From Bruce Clark in moscow

RUSSIA'S Constitutional Court yesterday ordered a partial reversal of President Yeltsin's ban on the Commuhist Party, in a compromise verdict that enabled both sides to claim victory in a politically charged trial that lasted five

The court vindicated Mr Yeltsin's decision to dissolve the party leadership, taken last autumn in the aftermath of a failed coup, but upheld the right of grassroots communist organisations to exist.

In a decision that could

open the way for hundreds Russia's highest judicial body also ruled that the mass confiscation by the government of Communist-owned property had not in all cases been justified

After hearing scores of learned views on the party's role in implementing Stalinist terror, directing the activities of the KGB at home and abroad and exporting revolu-tion, the court shied away

China puts contracts pressure on **Hong Kong**

By JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG AND MICHAEL BINYON

PEKING yesterday tried to turn Hong Kong's nervous business community against Chris Patten, the governor, and his efforts to expand democracy in the territory before its handover to China

In what is seen as the most serious warning by China in the row with Britain, Peking issued a strongly worded statement saying it would not honour any contracts, leases or agreements signed in Hong Kong before 1997 without China's approval. The move will have particular impact on the Hong Kong airport project. It demolishes the last vestiges of confidence in the Sino-British memorandum of

understanding signed by John Major in Peking last year. The Hong Kong government issued a statement last night implying that China's threats contravened its Basic Law, Peking's constitution for the territory after 1997. According to the Basic Law, the statement said, Hong Kong's existing laws — including that of contract - would continue to be vilid after 1997, unless they contravened the Basic

Law as such.

The escalation in the dispute brought a fall of 176 points in the Hang Seng index, and spread anxiety in the colony's business community. which has been shying away from Mr Patten's bold proposals after watching the negative reaction of China. Howard Gorgious, managing director of South China brokerage. remarked: "People may think the givernor is getting in a position now where he might have p start changing tack. It is vely clear the business community as a whole is not

behind him. Selita Chow, a legislative counci member, said the Chinese statement "reflects a further hardening of the position on the part of Peking and would be a blow to investors' confidence in Hong Kong. Martin Lee, who leads the pridemocracy group in the coulcil, spoke of "another attempt on the part of the Chinese government to fight

the people of Hong Kong". People in Hong Kong are well aware that China is in a position throttle the economy. "The Chinese are saying to the lusiness community that they might be wasting their movey if they go into long-term investments without clearing it first with Peking," on diplomat said.

The Foeign Office yester-day called in the Chinese ambassador o complain about what it alled "inaccurate" what it taled inaccurate Chinese stitements on a proposed shipping terminal, and refuted Clinese claims that Britain hal failed to consult Peking over the land grant. Alastair Goddlad, Foreign Office winists for Asian affaire fice ministe for Asian affairs, told Ma Yizhen that Britain was surprised and concerned by the Chinise comments. He said the terminal land grant had been discussed in March at a meeting of the Sino-British Laid Commission, and the Chinese side had made no objection.

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from passing an overall verory. It rejected a plea by Mr 'eltsin's lawvers last summer for a ruling that the Soviet Communist Party and its Russian Federation branch were "unconstitutional" bodies.

Pointedly turning down the opportunity to pass global judgment on the legacy of the Bolshevik Revolution, the 13-man court used the technical argument that the Soviet communisi movement had ceased to exist already, while its Russian section had never been properly registered.

Gennadi Burbulis, a senior adviser to the president on political strategy, hailed a "favourable and satisfying" set of decisions which upheld the reformist camp's view that the communists had no right to usurp government.

He said the ruling meant the party could only reform itself along new lines as long as it obeyed existing Russian legislation. He argued that the only communist organisations which would now become legal were "neighbourhood" cells, traditionally dominated by old-age pensioners and much weaker than the branches established in factories, ministries and other work places.

However, Yevgeni Krasnit-sky, one of the leaders of the communist movement in St Petersburg, called the verdict a striking success for his side.
"Russia's ton judicial body has virtually re abilitated the par-

ty," he said.

Mr Krasnitsky predicted that a "refunding Congress" would be held in February. grouping supporters of the half-dozen socialist groups which have laid claim to the legacy of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

He also forecast another 18 months litigation in which the movement would try to claw back some of the billions of roubles in property - including hotels, printing presses and luxury sanitoriums —

which it has forfeited. Mr Krasnitsky, a member of the Communist party's central committee until it was disbanded after disgracing itself during the August 1991

putsch, called the verdict "a defeat for those who wanted to turn the trial into another Nuremburg". This was a re-joinder to Yelisin supporters like Mr Burbulis, who had compared the proceedings with the postwar trials of prominent Nazis.

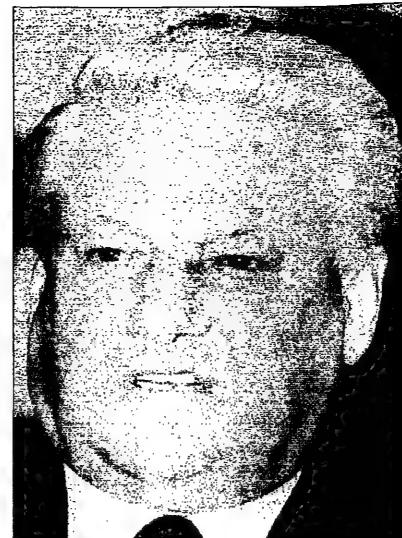
In its effect on the balance of political power in Russia, it was expected to prolong the uneasy stalemate between President Yeltsin's reformist administration and the oldguard politicians who dominate the supreme legislature.

An unequivocally pro-Yeltsin verdict would have cleared the way for him to clamp down firmly on the hardline forces, including communists, who are bent on overthrowing him; while a legal victory for the communists would have encouraged them to attempt an early

Hence Nikolai Ryzhkov, the former Soviet prime minister. spoke for many observers when he said that the decision would have a "calming" effect on the country. However, it remains possible that the ambiguity of yesterday's pro-nouncements will provide the setting for some fierce legal and political storms in the months ahead.

Mr Yeltsin faces a possible bid by hardliners, some of them former communists, to strip him of the extra powers he has used to help dismande the old communist state

Andrei Nechayev, the economics minister, said he could not rule out the possibility that the entire government would offer to stand down to give Mr Yeltsin freedom to manoeuvre at the Congress. But Valeri Kuptsov, leader of the Russian Communist Party, said after the court hearing: "From now on the party has the right to go on with its activities. The decision in fact confirms the legality of the party and its ideology." He said Congress now had the right to raise the question of impeachment. Together with a number of other anti-constitutional decisions by the president this gives good grounds for such a





Grim and grin: Boris Yeitsin, reacts sourly to his partial court win yesterday while Yegor Ligachev, former politburo member, hails a triumph

Yeltsin outwits rivals to keep reforms on track

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

Dresident Yeltsin today faces the Congress of People's Deputies emboldened by the success of a carefully balanced campaign of attack and appeasement that seems likely to have saved him and Yegor Gaidar, his acting prime minister, from too serious a savaging by those who oppose their reform programme.

All of the pact-making and horse-trading have led to the single goal of getting an economically stricken government through the Congress kangaroo court with minimum damage. The signs are that Mr Yeltsin has reached a deal with the main opposition, the industry-led Civic Union, by promising to allow managers a greater say in the reform process, by Issuing Vague promises of "targeted investment" and by insisting that reform in the Western-

backed mould adopted by Mr Gaidar is irreversible. In return Civic Union has agreed not to join forces with extremists of the right and left who want to use the Congress, Russia's highest legislature, to bring down the government and challenge Mr Yeltsin himself. The exact price of the deal has not been revealed, but Mr Yeltsin has ceded some points of principle and may have made himself hostage to unrevealed promises

about state investment for industry and for limiting closures. But Civic Union is already claiming that he has broken his word on allowing industry to influence the "anti-crisis programme". The challengers appear for now to have lost ground. Civic Union's leaders made a tactical error by bartering over personnel rather than policies, so allowing Mr Yeltsin

simply to sack or move the odd minister or aide whenever danger came too close.

If Congress should still prove troublesome, Mr Yelfsin can simply throw more ministers and aides to the Civic Union wolves. Perhaps the next to go will be Pyotr Aven, the foreign trade minis-ter, since he intends to sack him anyway, when he can get round to it. Also in line to go is Andrei Nechayev, the economics minister, or even Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister. Mr Yeltsin has criticised all three in the run up to the Congress so that getting rid of them, if it proves necessary, will appear to be no

great loss to the government. One of the Russian leader's greatest gifts is to be able to manipulate events, so that even when he is doing the bidding of his rivals his hand never seems to have been forced. Another is his ability to switch at will between the authoritarian and democratic sides of his nature.

It was the authoritarian Yeitsin who last week sacked a television chief to appease the North Ossetians. Yesterday, in a well-timed return to his democratic self, he told editors of the more important newspapers that he would 'neither tame nor pocket" the

S et piece events like the Congress tend to plunge Russian politicians back into yesterycar's language of woolly moralism. Moscow intellectuals at the weekend, for instance, sped Mr Yeltsin on his way to victory by encouraging him to spread "social happiness, peace and love to all Russian peoples". The twice-yearly sitting of the Congress, a sort of "super

parliament" charged with valdating reforms, has an overhang of former Communist apparatchiks and strong re-gional representation that make it a forum obstruction.

Mr Yeitsin would like to abolish it but needs a new constitution to do so - and work on the overhaul of the 1978 Soviet version has been held up by the running quar-rel on allocation of presidential and parliamentary powers. If Mr Yeltsin manages to achieve a strong mandate for speeding up constitutional change, he will hope to make this session its last with a virtuoso performance worthy of a great political practitioner, persuading a vestige of Commist rule to abolish Itself. This is the sixth article pro viewing today's meeting of the

Ukraine struggles to cope a year after independence

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

AT a Kiev market place, a pensioner begs for chicken entrails disregarded by wealthier compatriots. Papers run pictures of vans being pulled by horses, so chronic have petrol supplies become. One year today after the

country's referendum on independence, Ukraine is paying a high price for its freedom. The cry "Whatever nappose will always be richer than woold in a Russia" sounds ragged in a country that has ignored the form at the expense of some illdefined notion of state building. The result, so far. has been a DIY nation built without direction.

With the West more concerned about Yugoslavia, Russia and Maastricht, Ukraine might again lay claim to its sad title as Europe's forgotten state. This time Europe ignores it at its peril. In the past year it has moved towards becoming a nuclear-armed state. Economically, when it should be setting itself up as East Europe's powerhouse, it

is struggling with reform. The economic turmoil may yet propel Ukraine to possess nuclear weapons. "The worse the economic crisis, the more some people will demand that I fkraine should be a nuclear state," Volodymyr Grinev, the

deputy chairman of Ukraine's parliament, said.

The shops, notoriously empty in Soviet days are still almost bare, especially outside Kiev. Shelves carry the sad offerings of Ukraine's industry: badly made toys and clothes that nobody wants.

Apart from the blue and

yellow Ukrainian flags that now adorn buildings, criminal gangs are the most obvious sign of change. Thugs hang around street corners and the airport, openly contemptuous of the police who are underpaid. The gangs exist alongside an ambiguous mercantile class that shows little respect



Kravchuk: able to unite opponents

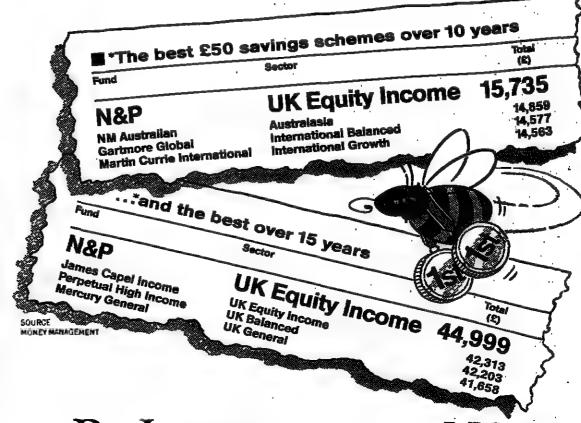
to, and receives little respect from, the majority of the population for whom the term maffa covers anything from a crook to a shopkeeper.

After a year of corruption and inactivity, reform is in the air. Leonid Kuchma, the former director of the largest rocket factory in Europe, has taken on the equally explosive job as Ukraine's new prime minister. Market economics, backed by the sort of agricultural reforms that could make the Ukraine East Europe's breadbasket instead of its basket case, are promised. Interest rates have been raised and few state monopolies have been cut to size.

The one thing Ukrainians can count on is unity, unlike Russia's politicians. Fear keeps the government and all but the strongest opponents of President Kravchuk in the same political red. Despite the hardship, barring war or other disasters Ukraine should thrive. The land is rich and the population is more industrious and sober than their Russian rivals. When stability and prosperi-

to finally arrive, the result could be the making of a Germany in the east. That is reason to take interest, and to

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Economy turns to boost Clinton

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush's longpromised economic recovery may have finally arrived, too late to save his job but in time to give Bill Clinton's incoming administration an unexpected

The president-elect returned to Little Rock from California yesterday after a four-day Thanksgiving holiday, during which Americans began to spend freely again. On the first official shopping days of Christmas, retail sales rose between 5 and 8 per cent over last year. Cinemas took a record \$130 million (£86 million) over the holiday weekend, the new releases Home Alone2 and Aladdin accountures last week showed that the economy grew by 3.9 per cent proved Mr Bush's campaign economy grew by 3.9 per cent during the third quarter, and that consumer confidence, home sales and durable goods orders all picked up and

unemployment edged down. A genuine recovery would enable Mr Clinton to scale back an immediate spending package to stimulate the economy that threatens to increase the national deficit next year by \$20-\$10 billion. Mr Clinton said the improved growth rate "could have some impact" on his plans, but gave a warning against over-dependence on a single set of figures.

"I hate to say it, but we told you so," said Barbara Frank-lin, the commerce secretary. contention that recovery was just around the corner. Thanksgiving was supposed to have been Mr Clinton's first

real break since the election. but the president-elect did not hide himself away in the \$8 million beachfront estate near Santa Barbara loaned to him. Still in effect campaigning, he made a courtesy call on Ronald Reagan in Los Angeles and went on a walkahout in a shopping centre. He jogged up a public beach and joined in a game of volleyball. He also went to a party, hosted a barbecue went riding with his daughter, Chelsea, and played

Neo-Nazi to be charged over Turkish arson deaths

FROM JOHN HOLLAND IN BERLIN

THE German state prosecutor's office is to charge a 19year-old right-wing extremist living in the same village where an arson attack last Monday took the lives of three Turkish immigrants. Prosecutors say the man, identified only as Lars C., was placed in preliminary custody at the weekend while charges were

A witness to last week's two fires in Mölln provided police with the suspect's name. Lars C., according to police, was active in a neo-Nazi group run by Michael Peters, who was held briefly last week in connection with the fire but later

Police also arrested five men vesterday in connection with the attempted firebombing on Sunday of a refugee home in the town of Winsen, south of Hamburg. Police say one of the men has already confessed to taking part.

The other suspects were older than the average skinhead, their ages ranging from early 20s to mid 30s. All five were to be charged with attempted murder. The Romanian family escaped injury extinguish the blaze.

The spate of arrests came as Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, the justice minister. planned to broaden the powers of Alexander von Stahl, the German state prosecutor, to handle cases of right wing extremism. Formerly, Herr von Stahl and his predecesors had dealt with cases of terrorism against the state such as that committed by the Red Army Faction in the 1970s. A number of commentators say German officials have reached the conclusion, albeit belatedly, that the attacks on refugees and asylum seekers, and now against permanent residents such as Turks, could qualify as acts of terrorism.

Abraham Melzer, 47, an independent Jewish publisher. living near Frankfurt, addressed the growing fear and some calls to take arms in the

saying that Jews were consid ering arming themselve The suggestion had been made publicly last week by Ralph Giordano, a German Jewish writer. "I spoke to a number of people in the

Jewish communities in Frank-furt and in Cologne and all of them are afraid. It starts with a general feeling of the political situation and ends with real fear of one's own life."

German Jews are buying guns and fire extinguishers, he said. "We read everyday of new asylum homes being attacked and we don't want to be burned to the ground."

He suggested that many Jews were beginning to think of going to Israel and that 36 families had already left in the past month,

These are the fruits of Bitburg," he said, referring to the meeting of Helut Kohl, the chancellor, and former President Reagan at the SS cemetery in 1987. They thought that if they were blind in their right eye that they would win over the right-wing vote. Now the right belives that it can act with impunity because the state is doing nothing.

"It's not a panic yet but could become a panic in a day or a night. It's a dangerous situation because the government is not taking it seriously, only discussing it. When the first Jew is killed then you will have the panic."

At a ceremony marking the 40th anniversary at the me-morial in Bergen-Belsen, the head of Germany's small Jewish community warned about forgetting the horrors of the past and accepting current violence as normal. "We risk getting used to violence, as if it belonged to our daily lives," Ignatz Bubis told the crowd of about 600 assembled for the

Rita Suessmuth, president of Bonn's parliament, agreed that it would be wrong to underestimate the wave of "Whoever racist violence. thinks this is just done by a few violent hooligans is mistakFive passengers die as Dutch express train goes off rails



Rescue mission: workers struggling to lift a survivor from the wrecked carriage of a train that left the rails yesterday near Hoofddorp, southwest of Amsterdam. Five people were killed and 33 injured, six seriously, when the engine and front carriage of the Amsterdam-Flushing train careered off the track at about 7.15am, spun 180 degrees, and smashed into trees and an office building close by. The

shunted together like a concertina (Mark Fuller writes). Four of the seven carriages were derailed. Witnesses said passengers were cataputed through carriage windows, some of them landing under the wheels of the train. Injured people were stumbling in the mud, screaming for help. Rescue workers said wreckage and bodies were scattered over a

wide area by the force of the crash. Many people were trapped in the tangled metal of the locomotive. The train kept increasing its speed and then it felt as if it were suddenly blocked. It slid forward and then everything was quiet. It all happened in a second," Mr paper. Difficult access to the scene, bordered by a ditch and E. Kruithof, a passenger, told a Dutch newsimpeded emergency workers. One report said it took 45 minutes for the first ambulance to arrive. Many of the injured were taken to follows a similar incident near the same site on Saturday, when an Amsterdam-Paris intercity slid off the track, but then there were no

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Geneva: Spending on Aids

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In a message marking

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Gulf war. (AP)

Paris and Bonn calm Nato fears

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

IN A move intended to calm British and American fears that France and Germany are setting up a military alliance to rival Nato, Paris and Bonn last night accepted that their joint "Eurocorps" could fight under Nato commanders.

The compromise, outlined in a brief three-page memo-randum delivered to Nato ambassadors here, should defuse a row between European governments which has sim-

terrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, announced plans for a 35,000-strong joint army corps earlier this year. Other Nato governments, led by Britain and America, feared the two had signed secret agreements that would deprive Nato of German troops in an emergency.
Yesterday's offer from the

two governments makes clear that the availability of Ger-

unchanged. It also allows for French soldiers to fight with Nato or to take part in its peacekeeping or humanitar-ian missions. Unlike Germany, France is not part of the military structure of Nato.

Yesterday's memorandum marks an important shift in France's attitude to the 16nation Nato alliance. Until very recently French ministers and officials had actively campaigned to shrink Nato's post-

UK ready for tough **EC** summit

By MICHAEL BINYON

BRITAIN'S European Community partners should not write off the Edinburgh summit as a failure in advance, and they should not be taken in by "bogus public belligerence" designed to improve bargaining positions, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday.

But Mr Hurd also warned other countries that Britain would not abandon the British rebate simply because it came up for discussion during the British presidency. The government would veto any attempt to cut back the amount that is repaid to Britain. He said the past five months

had been among the most tur-bulent in the Community's history. The need for action was urgent, but picking a way forward was a slow, painstaking business.

In several areas, he said, the Community was approaching the end game "National interests are at stake; elections are in the offing; politicians succumb to the cutting phrase," he told the Foreign

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Atrocities blamed on Bosnian Serbs

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

THE United Nations Human Rights Commission, meeting for only the second time ever, was poised yesterday to blame Bosnian Serbs as primarily responsible for atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina The commission's principal

investigator, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, endorsed a draft resolution by Turkey and America Serbs for the tragedy in Bosnia. Declaring that the Mus-lims were "virtually threatened by extermination", the draft called on the world community to decide whether genocide had not already occurred. It expressed deep concern at the "continuing grave, massive and systematic violation of human rights" in parts of Bosnia under Serbian control. It condemned "ethnic deansing", blaming the Bos-nian Serb leadership, the Yugoslav army and the political leaders in Serbia for this

reprehensible practice". Turkey, which has called for UN intervention to protect the Muslims, said the question inside former Yugoslavia was whether the Muslim popula-tion would survive. Elsewhere, it was whether the world, in the aftermath of this tragedy, would be "worth living in for the rest of us". Morris Abraham, the American delegate who helped prepare the brief

Mazowiecki: endorsed

during the Nuremberg war crimes trials, said the world should not only aid the living but "exact justice for the dead". The commission is likely to endorse the draft resolution today, but it has no power to translate its findings to action in the UN:

Muslim nations meeting in Jedda today are to express protect their co-religionists in Bosnia, urging prompt out-side intervention. Saudi Arabia said yesterday it was willing to commit troops to a multinational force to end the fighting, as foreign ministers of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference endorsed calls for more aid to the Bos-nian Muslims who have lost land and belongings. Other representatives gathering in Jedda also indicated they were ready to take part in a military effort. The conference is likely to see Islamic nations pledging a large increase in funds to allow Bosnian Muslims to buy

Suleyman Demirel, the Turkish prime minister, said in London last week that Turkey was ready to send troops to Bosnia. Radical countries such as Iran have been outsnoken in denouncing what they see as Western connivance with the Serbs in crushing the Muslims.

Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, is in Jedda and said on Sunday that lifting the arms embargo against Bosnia was an urgent matter. Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the international negotiators, will also be at Jedda. ☐ Belgrade: Milan Panic, the Yugoslav prime minister, is to

challenge Slobodan Milo-sevic, the Serbian leader, for the presidency of Serbia in December's election. His decision prompted the disintegra-tion of his government. Three ministers closely linked to Mr Milosevic have resigned or been fired by Mr Panic and two have attacked him.

Aids orphans. (AFP) **Guard killed** Madrid: A civil gund was killed and another was in-

jured, together with two civilians, when a car homb exploded outside a block of flats occupied by families of members of the security faces in a Madrid suburb.

Namibia votes

Windhoek: Voting legan yes-terday in Namibias first regional and local eletions since independence ij March 1990. More than lalf a million people, 77 percent of the eligible population registered to take part. (AFP)

Killer jailed

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Penalty daws

Tokyo: Etsuo Mieda, a Japanese fireman with put a dead cat in the desk of a hated boss, lost his appeal gainst a suslost his appeal gainst a sus-pended jail terd for "forcible obstruction of usiness". He also filled his boss's pocket with dog droppings. (Reuter)

Easy raider

Dax: French plice arrested a former convict/aged 60, who allegely held una post office in Buglose last veek and stole 47,000 francs E5,600) to buy himself a car so that he would no longer have to make his getaways by biycle. (AFP)

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Britain proposed as role model

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AS FRANCE waited for President Mitterrand's proposals to overhaul the constitution, Michel Noir, mayor of Lyons and a conservative minister in the mid-1980s, called for the sys-tem of government to be replaced with a version modelled on that of Britain.

M Noir, a maverick who

broke with the neo-Gaullist RPR thinks the parliamentary form of government is the best antidote to the way the presidency has become a near monarchical institution, unaccountable to an ineffectual parliament M Noir would also like to see an end to the French practice of simultaneous office-holding, under which many ministers or parliamentarians are also mayors

and regional councillors. This is one element in the sensitivity to the mood of farmers. Other politicians are suggesting something along the lines of the American system, with an independent legisla-ture and judiciary. Opinion

polls find the only reform clearly favoured by the public is a reduction of the seven-year presidential term to two years.
The president's scheme is expected to be far short of radical. He says he wants to strengthen the role of the National Assembly, drawing on "the best of the Fourth Republic and the Fifth". The postwar Fourth Republic had weak, indirectly elected presidents and fell victim to parliamentary paralysis.

Along with the centrist roups, the Gaullists are hoping to dominate the parliament in elections next March and form a government. Unless the president choses to leave office, this will amount to a two-year repeat of the un-comfortable "cohabition" government from 1986-8.

The opposition scents another of the president's machiavellian ploys. The RPR's spokeswoman yesterday called the constitutional reform "a diversionary manoeuvre". A consensus of politicians and experts, however, agree that the Fifth Republic has evolved into an unwieldy and undemocratic institution which has handed too much power to one man for too long.

Iranian navy chief confirms purchase of Russian subs

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

IRAN has bought three dieselpowered Kilo class subma-Admiral Abbas Mohtaj, the country's navy commander. confirmed yesterday. But he gave no hint of when the boats would all be in service. One submarine has been delivered alreadyand is based outside

Yesterday's confirmation from Admiral Mohtaj comes as concern grows in the West about the build-up of arms in Iran. The arrival of the first Russian submarine for the Iranian Navy raised fears about the potential threat they posed to international shipping in the Gulf.

Iran is the first country in the region to possess a subma-rine, although Admiral Mohtaj claimed that Saudi Arabia had had a submarine since 1988 and now had two in service. He claimed also that Kuwait had ordered a submarine from the West.

In fact, Saudi Arabia does not have full-size submarines in service but is believed to have two 225-ton midget craft that it bought from South Korea in 1989. Midget submarines are highly specialised and can be used for sabotage, laying mines and carrying

Captain Richard Sharpe, editor of Janes' Fighting Ships, said the Saudis were known to be interested in acquiring submarines but none had been bought from the West. Saudi personnel had, however, received training in France and Pakistan. Two years ago, Saudi Arabia

Israel seeks to end ban on PLO link

practical steps this week to opening contacts with the outlawed Palestine Liberation Organisation when the government presents a bill before the Knesset abolishing the ban on meetings with PLO

In one of the most significant acts of legislation since the Labour-led coalition came to power five months ago, David Libai, the justice minister, is due to present the bill before the Israeli parliament today for a first reading. There is no country in the world which punishes meetings with the enemy by imprisonment, when the person making the contact has a reasonable explanation for his action, did not damage and had no intention of damaging state security." Mr Libai said.

The ban, imposed by the right-wing Likud government in 1986 further to isolate the exiled Palestinian leadership. led to embarrassing episodes such as the jailing of Abie Nathan, an Israeli peace activist. More recently the law was flouted by left-wing MPs and Palestinian leaders from the occupied territories who held public meetings with Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

The decision to lift the banning order is expected to create fresh problems for Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, who insists that the PLO remains a "terrorist" organisation and should continue to be excluded from the Middle East peace talks, where the Palestinians are represented by leaders from the occupied territories in a joint delegation with Jordan.

Not only will the govern-ment face right-wing criticism ment face right-wing criticsm for being "soft on terrorism". but Mr Rabin, who tried to delay the lifting of the banning order, also fears that it could send the wrong signal to Washington, which is reconsidering its ban on contacts with the Palestinian leaderwith the ratesuman teater-ship in Tunis. There is also concern that if the new Clin-ton administration believes that Israel is softening its position on Mr Arafat, it might reconsider his exclusion from the peace process, one reason that the talks have remained stalemated for more

than a year.

There has been pressure from Arab states, Palestinian negotitators and during the recent visit of President Mitterrand of France for Israel to accept the PLO as a negotiating partner, and to rehabili-tate Mr Arafat as the only leader capable of speaking on behalf of the Palestinians.

was reported to be interested in buying five submarines

went through. Iran's first submarine, which Admiral Mohtaj said would have a 52-man crew, joined the Iranian fleet in the southern Gulf earlier this month after a voyage from Russia. The boat is believed to be based at the port of Chahbahar, outside the Strait of Hormuz, giving it access to the deeper waters of the Gulf of Oman. If Tehran were to use it for hostile action in the busy waterway, it would be highly vulnerable to attack once it returned to base.

Admiral Mohtaj gave the cost of the submarines as \$450 million (£295 million) each. He said the boat already in service had been renamed Taregh 901 and had "advanced facilities and weapons for naval war". Quoted in the Salam newspaper in Tehran, the admiral defended what he called fran's natural and legal right to bolster its military defences, and criticised Westem interest in Iran's purchase of submarines. "It is surprising that they are raising such a ballyhoo over a single subma-

He added that Iran's military expenditure was far less than that of its pro-Western Arab neighbours in the Gulf Co-operation Council, whose states had signed arms deals worth \$200 billion over the past ten years. This compared with Iran's military spending over the past five years of "\$8 billion". including running costs, he said.

The Taregh 901 was delivered to Iran by a Russian crew, now believed to have returned home. Capt Sharpe said the important question was whether there were Russian "mercenaries" helping the Iranians. Although Iranian sailors received training at a Russian naval base in Latvia, full-time operation of a sophisticated submarine required experienced handling, he

Kilo class boats is equipped with up to 18 torpedoes or 24 mines. The other two submarines which are on order from the Russians are not expected to be in service with the Iranian Navy for several years. ☐ Prospects improve: The four-nation European Fighter Aircraft programme now had an excellent chance of going ahead as planned, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary.

There will be talks on the future progress of the £20 billion project in Brussels next week between defence ministers and chiefs of staff from Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain. Germany had threat-ened to withdraw from the production phase.

Speaking after visiting the British Aerospace factory at Warton in Lancashire, one of the principal plants building EFA, Mr Rifkind said: "Our discussions with the German. Spanish and Italian governments now suggest there is an excellent probability

project will be going ahead."
Recent studies have found ways of trimming the cost of the aircraft by as much as 30

Suu Kyi risks life in struggle with Burmese junta By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



Defiant stand: after more than three years in detention, Suu Kyl's state of health was described yesterday as critical by her husband

A YEAR after she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize Aung San Sun Kyi is preparing to fast to death to force the Burmese military regime to

relent on its decision to detain Describing her situation as "very critical", her husband.
Dr Michael Aris, said: "I am now very concerned that soon she will have no means at all of sustaining life." He believed that she was now effectively on a hunger strike to protest against her illegal detention since July 1989 and the refusal of the junta to victory of her National League for Democracy in the May 1990 elections in which the league had won 82 per

She has always been ready to negotiate with the military rulers but the authorities have always refused her entreaties to enter into a dialogue. The only substantive response has been to retroactively extend her detention under a 1975 law to protect the state "from destructive and disruptive

"Sun Kyl is doing what she believes is right. I stand by her; I support her in her decision; I completely under-stand it. I believe I'm doing stand it. I believe I'm doing right in revealing to the world what I know of her condition. The alternative of doing nothing is unthinkable," Dr Aris told a press conference at Daw Sun Kyi's Oxford college, St Hugh's, of which she is an honorary fellow.

Dr Aris was speaking directly to the press for the first has always been careful not to antagonise the Burmese authorities, knowing full well that it might rebound on Daw Suu Kyi, who remains a

Cut off from human contact for the three and a half years she has been under arrest at her family residence — except for a rare visit from her husband and children — she has virtually run out of money and food. In an extraordinary Ghandian gesture of defiance she has sent a message through the military govern-ment to her husband, advising him not to visit her this month with their two sons because she has insufficient money to receive them.

Dr Aris said she had donated the \$1 million (£660,000) she won with the Nobel prize "to the health and education of the Burmese people through a trust". "The meagre personal funds she has used to maintain herself while her solitary detention continues are now almost exhausted." he added

Refusing food or monetary help even from her own family she has resolutely stood her ground against the government with only a radio and a broken and out-of-time piano for company. The issue now is not access to my wife, it's her health and her life." Dr Aris said yesterday. Expressing thanks to the Burmese government for the past opportunities to visit his wife, he said: "I know how

resolved she is in this. This is a decision she has not taken lightly . . . and she will take it No-one outside of Rangoon really knows the state of her

health, which has been steadily deteriorating since her de-tention. She refuses to accept anything, even medical treat-ment, which can be construed as a favour from the regime. on the ground that any such assistance merely serves to help prolong her detention.

She knew that her hus-band, a fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford, and sons Alexander and Kim would come laden with food when they arrived in Rangoon this month. They had been plan-ning to take Norwegian dried fish, Bhutanese dried yak and a copy of the Encyclopedia Britannica to the rundown. family house from which she has not moved, so far as anvone knows, since her

The next action regarding Daw Suu Kyi's health will come on Friday when the United Nations Third Com-mittee will consider a motion sponsored by Sweden de-manding that the Burmese government free her from detention and permit access to her. That proposal will quickly be followed up next weekend when Professor Kozo Yokota arrives in Rangoon on behalf of the United Nations Human Rights Commission. On his last visit, Prof. Yokota sought but was re-

The daughter of Amg San, the founding father of Bur-ma, Daw Sun Kyi came to international prominence when, campaigning for her league, she crisscrossed the country making speeches

White fears grow after club attack

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A WEEKEND attack on a golf club function in the little white Eastern Cape municipality of King William's Town in which four people died has increased the fears of white South Africans that they are about to become targets of black terrorism.

Whites have not usually been victims of political killing here. Most white deaths, apart from incidents such as the bombing of Magoo's Bar in Durban by Robert McBride in 1985, have been as a result of robbery attempts made on isolated farmhouses.

The King William's Town attack, in which a grenade was thrown into a party followed by a hail of bullets from automatic assault rifles, has been daimed by an anonymous caller as the work of the Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress. The caller claimed to be a member of the organisation. The security forces say that they were coming to the same conclu-



Ramaphosa: defended training of ANC cadres

sion, as a number of unexploded petrol bombs thrown into the party were similar to those used previously by the PAC's armed wing.
Fear of these political armies has been fuelled in the past

two days by the disclosure that the African National Congress is still sending its cadres abroad for military training. eventually to join their armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. The programme, under which 340 young men have been sent for basic training in Uganda and others to India for officer training, has been defended by Nelson Mandela. the ANC president, and Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general. Mr Mandela said the government knew of the continued need for training, since the movement needed a trained and disciplined army to defend the political gains that have been made.

demned the move. Political rivals of the ANC, such as the Inkatha Freedom Party and the PAC, would now be able to justify the training of cadres on similar grounds, said Peter Gastrow, the law and order spokesman of the Democratic Party. "Private armies at this stage ought to be disbanded. rather than expanded and incorporated into a restructured defence force," he said. Mistaken identity: A farmer shot and killed his 16-yearold daughter in their home at Hartebeespoordam, northwest of Johannesburg, when he apparently mistook her for an intruder, police said. The man was due to appear in court yesterday to face possible murder charges. (AP)

Other observers have con-

UN chief wants troops to stop Somali clans

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND MARTIN PLETCHIER IN WASHINGTON

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretarygeneral, yesterday asked the security council to launch an unprecedented military operation to save the starving in Somalia. He said that intervention by a multinational force was now the only way to stop armed bands disrupting aid supplies to the famine-

stricken nation. "There is now no alternative but to resort to Chapter VII of the Charter," he wrote to the council. But he left open the question of who would com-

security council itself to decide if it would accept a US offer of up to 30,000 troops, provided Washington remained in commund of them.

"If forceful action is taken, it should preferably be under UN command and control," Mr Boutros Ghali wrote. "If this is not feasible, an alternative would be an operation undertaken by member states acting with the authorisation of the security council."

The planned Somalia operation would violate the traditional UN taboo against

absence of any threat to international peace. But Mr Boutros Ghali proposed that; in the absence of any organised government in Somalia, the security council could simply declare that the famine threatened peace in the region and deploy troops under the "enforcement provi-

affairs of member states in the

sions" of the UN Charter. In Washington, Bush offici-als are privately saying that the UN may ultimately be forced to run Somalia itself until elections can be organised and mand the force, allowing the intervention in the internal a viable government estab-

lished. An American-led military operation could restore food supplies with little difficulty, but a much greater UN effort would then be required to end the anarchy

The Bush administration has offered up to 30,000 US troops to ensure humanitarian deliveries in Somalia, and most planners believe that task could be completed within a matter of weeks if approved by the security council. US troops would then hand over to UN

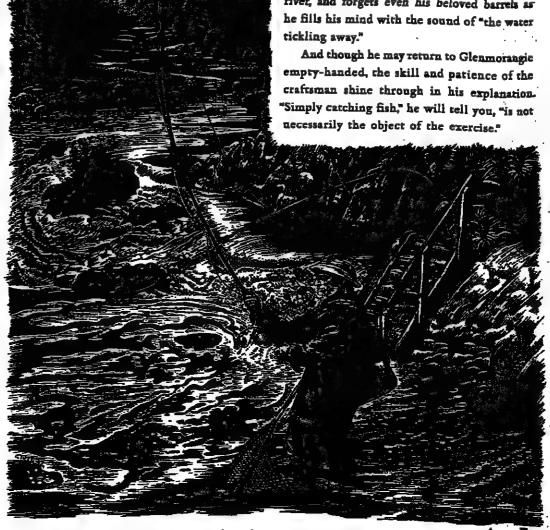
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Peru grants asylum to rebels in failed Venezuelan coup

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN CARACAS

AS THE Venezuelan government gears up the country's justice system to arrange swift trials for military officers involved in last Friday's coup attempt, 93 rebel officers and soldiers were granted political asylum in Peru. They fled there when troops loyal to President Pérez put down the military rebellion.

Under an emergency decree the government will create new tribunals to shorten the military trials which usually last up to a year. Those found guilty of armed rebellion could be sentenced to up to 30 years in prison.
But the picture that has

emerged after Friday's second coup attempt in less than tenmonths suggests that military discontent with the government is more widespread than was previously believed.

"The worm (of military rebellion) is still alive," warned Teodoro Petkoff, candidate for mayor of Caracas in local elections next Sunday and a former guerrilla leader in the

1960s. President Pérez has

vowed to finish his five-year term as scheduled in February 1994, but he remains deeply unpopular among civilians as well as the military.

Local politicians agree that at least in the short term Senor Perez may have been strengthened by the failure of the coup, but they question his ability to survive until the next election. Pèrez is the epicentre of the crisis and the military are disintegrating around him," said Carlos Azpurua, a congressman for "Causa R", a radical opposition party that favours democratic change.

The brutal way in which the coup was carried out and the apparent involvement of extreme left-wing armed groups. has shocked many Venezuelans who oppose the president and might have supported a military takeover by less vio-

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Pérez continue to be voiced.

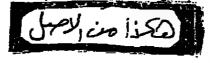
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The Venezuelan writer Arturo Uslar Pietri publicly called on Señor Pérez to resign "as a way out of the crisis". He added: "To consider this is exclusively a military problem is to fail to understand the

Expressing the prevailing mood of the country Señor Uslar Pietri said the problem lies in public disgust with a system that tolerates official corruption and inefficiency in public institutions while ignor-ing the need for profound reform to the Venezuelan democratic system.
Although Venezuelans did

not answer a rebel call on

Friday to take to the streets, many say they still support a military takeover. "People were frightened. It was too dangerous to go out on the streets," said one middle-class university graduate. We would have supported the coup if it had succeeded. We support an interim militarycivilian government until things can be sorted out," she





Solving a human puzzle

for those dealing with the aftermath of a disaster as appalling as the Kathmandu aircrash on September 28, in which 167 passengers perished, among them Andrew and Helen Wilkins, a British missionary couple, and their three children. Yet, says Philip Lewis, the chief executive of Kenyon Emergency Services, it was some small solace to be able to make a positive identification of each member of the Wilkins family: it meant that in death, as in life, they could be together.

Mr Lewis is the head of a team that specialises in the identification of abroad and has so far spent three months in Kathmandu where Kenyon has identified 64 of the victims, 19 of

Some of the British relatives of the unidentified have criticised Kenyon and the Foreign Office for a lack of information about the precise date for a mass funeral, the usual procedure for unidentified bodies. Kenyon says that the suggestion by Pakistan Interna-tional Airlines (PIA), the airline involved, that the burial might be this week was only ever tentance. Mr Lewis is in Kathmandu to finalise the arrangements for the mass funeral but Kenyon say this cannot be done until PIA and the Nepalese authorities reach agreement on the site. When they do, Kenyon says it will inform the families involved of a date.

Kenyon's emergency service, part of JH Kenyon funeral directors, began in the 1920s when, as the local undertaker, Kenyon was called in after an Imperial Airways plane crashed at Croydon aerodrome killing all seven aboard. Since then they have dealt with more than 100 incidents, from Piper

Alpha to Zeebrugge.

They can now field a team of 20 including pathologists, forensic odontologists (experts in the anatomy, development, and diseases of teeth and related structures), mortuary technicians and a fingerprint and photography expert, as well as administrative and 1.2 tonnes of equipment

When disaster strikes, Philip Lewis and his team are first on the scene - to try to identify the dead, and help the living. Liz Gill reports

We advise

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ready to be freighted to the disaster site. Kenyon's services are paid for by insurers or, as in the case of Kathmandu, the airline involved. Mr Lewis says the need to put a name to a body is vital, not just for legal or insurance reasons but on humanitarian grounds.

"It is part of grieving, part of the

acceptance. Otherwise relatives might be tormented by the thought that the loved one never got on the plane, wasn't really there."

He and a colleague try to go to the scene within hours of the disaster, ahead of the rest of the team, to assess what is needed authorities. Then the bodies are photographed in situ and numbered, before being removed, along with any nearby eviplace where each was found is marked with the same number. At the mortuary, which might be anything from a tent to an

aircraft hangar, they are photographed again and their clothing and jewellery documented before being examined externally for tattoos, birthmarks, scars or any other revealing characteristics.

An autopsy follows, sometimes using X-rays — if a bomb caused the disaster small fragments of metal may be embedded within the body — and forensic odontologists carry out dental charting before the body is embalmed.

"The autopsy also determines the cause of death, which might seem unnecessary but which can provide vital information in determining the sequence of events: did the pilot have a

heart attack, was there smoke in someone's windpipe suggesting a fire before the crasing. Mr Lewis says.

While all this is going on relatives are being interviewed by other members of the team, either back at home or near

the team. "We need as many details as possible to compare with what the post mortem reveals," Mr Lewis says. "We prefer to do this at home, where people will have things like

addresses of doctors and dentists, so we advise airlines not to bring families out immediately but, if they do, to bring as, much information them The parents of Cathy Statham, one

of the unidentified at Kathmandu, have complained that they have not been told what further detail might aid identification of their daughter. Kenyon says that identification of bodies now would be dependent on new information something that a relative

might suctionly remember.
At the sompany's headquarters in north Lordon a computer compares ante and post-mortem information and produces a list of possibilities. Dental seeks are often the most reliable, the fingerprints are sometimes used — a print can be compared with one taken from an item at home — and DNA maching is a growing area. sample must be compared with those from immediate relatives.

Ideally four or five different factors are needed to give a positive ID, although circumstances often produce

alone is frequently impossible, given the name of many disasters, and ar best unreliable and traumatic.

However, viewing the body privately is a different matter. "Most want to see the body, and there's no question but that it is a good idea," Mr Lewis says. "It's an integral part of the mourning process for many people. So we do ny to restore the body to a viswable condition. Sometimes, however, there is nothing we can do, and we tell the relatives that is the case."

The last task is to arrange funerals with local dergymen and to repatriate bodies where necessary. "Most families want the bodies brought back, but some want a cremation out there and just the ashes brought home

"If you have a mass burial you have to take into account all the different religions. If you are burying Muslims, for instance, they should face Mecca. but will moving the bodies offend the Jews? Generally I find that in these circumstances people are prepared to bend rigid views and usually we can hold an ecumenical service"

t 39 Mr Lewis has seen more than his share of tragedy and horror. "You have got a job to do and part of the time the technicalities take over, you've got a puzzle to solve. But you need always to bear in mind that you are dealing with human beings. We all get emotionally involved. If you see no effect on yourself in a job like this it's time you got out. The whole team is very supportive. At the end of the day we talk things over and if you need a shoulder to cry on you get it. I cope by knowing that I work in often very difficult circumstances to do something important which not many people could do." Between disasters the company may

be asked to assist coroners and police with identification in criminal cases. Mr Lewis also travels the world to help airlines and other transportation companies draw up contingency plans. He has no fear of flying. "But the job definitely makes you more aware of your own mortality."

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A new light on Alzheimer's

step forward next week with the opening of a new home in Camberwell, south London, specially designed for patients at an advanced stage

The architect is Michael Manser, a former president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, who attracted widespread interest from psychiatrists with the paper he delivered on buildings for the

"The worst thing you can do with people like this is to sit them in a ring in front of a television. They vegetate," Mr Manser says. "The best out-look would be over a busy shopping street or children's playground. The new building in Knights Hill has been designed in close consultation with doctors at Maudsley Hospital and is intended to minimise any institutional atmosphere and ensure that as much activity as possible takes place in the view of patients."

The building is designed on a cross plan around a rotunda. One arm houses the administration block and day patients' facilities. The other three are self-contained "houses", each for 12 patients, who all have their own rooms. "It is virtually unique in the NHS to have a home like this without dormitories," says John Stanbury,

the new manager. Every block has its own sitting and dining room looking out through glass screens into the rotunda, the route for all staff and visitors.

Mr Manser says light is one key to treatment. "Elderly people generally need more light," he says. Light floods in through a continuous ring of windows at the top of the rotunda, and the sitting and

Dieppe, professor of rheumatology. "Current treatments involve the use of

painkillers, physiotherapy and knee

replacement operations costing several

thousand pounds," he says, "but arthri-

tis of the knee joint is such a common

condition we cannot afford to look for

■ Arthritis is the greatest single cause of disability in the United Kingdom today,

according to the Arthritis and Rheuma-

tism Council (ARC). There are more

than 200 different forms of arthritic and

rheumatic diseases which affect six to

eight million people, including 15,000 children, and account for 70 million

Osteoarthritis — a disease in which

the cartilage wears away - is the most

prevalent, with more than five million

sufferers. It attacks the knee and hips

and, to a lesser extent, fingers. Forty

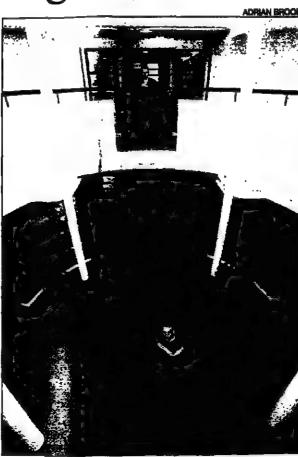
thousand hip joints and 20,000 knee

joints are replaced every year to relieve

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pain and restore mobility.

such expensive solutions."



Light and bright Mr Stanbury, centre, surveys the home

living rooms all have doubleheight glass walk looking out over the garden. The architect fumes, understandably, because the planning officer made him compress the design, with the result that wings partly obscure the views into the garden in a way he did not intend.

Mr Manser feels strongly about the need for privacy and thus dignity: "Independence must be the first farget in the treatment of the elderly. There must be a private place to be with some of your possessions

and the choice to come and go

as you like." Windows in all rooms have low sills "because elderly people spend more time sitting or lying down". Mr Manser says. The new baths are particularly ingenious. They are similar in shape to a dentist's chair, with a car door at the side so that elderly people can be manoeuvred in and out, without having to raise and

lower themselves. Many Alzheimer's patients tend to be wanderers. Mr Stanbury says: "To encourage

people to move round there is maximum circulation space. with staircases leading up to

the first-floor gallery."

To help patients to orientate themselves, the textures of floors, as well as light levels, vary from one building to another. There is a form of lino in the bedrooms, wood in the corridors and Burlington slate in the rotunda. All the garden walks are designed to bring patients back to where

they started. Mr Stanbury says the main complaint heard from staff is the lack of separate accommoedon. He says: "Use there is a sister's room where nurses can retreat. Here there is only a cubby-hole. There is one staff lavatory for both sexes, whereas it is traditional for the staff to have their own lavatories and even cutlery. I say to them if these facilities are not fit for your own use, they are not fit for the clients."

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Il this is part of Mr Manser's plan. "Recent thinking is that while on duty the staff should be among the patients all the time," he says. "Even if pa-tients at the end of their disease are incapable of registering much, a well-proportioned building with generous windows and a stylish quality will improve the carers' morale and the quality of their care."

Mr Stanbury will have a staff of more than 70 to provide 365-day 24-hour care: The chef will cater for individual, not just group, needs. People will be moving into a hotel, with hospital services." He knows he will have to be alert. "One of my first dients is a well-known hospital escapol-

ogist," he says. MARCUS BINNEY

THE NUMBER of people in Britain BOTTOR IN E who suffer from pain and disability caused by osteoarthritis of the knee. estimated to be 1.5 million, could be Self help for halved with self-help treatment such as dieting, simple leg exercises and the use of in-shoe shock absorbers, researchers at Bristol University's rheumatology unit, based at the Bristol Royal Infirmaarthritis The findings were presented by Paul

■ The Bristol Unit is investigating the long-term impact on the knee of common movements such as crouching and kneeling and is experimenting on a variety of kneecap supports to determine what device benefits patients most.

■ Sufferers of osteoarthritis of the knee should wear trainers with good shock absorption, to reduce the load on the knee when the heel strikes the pave-ment. Professor Dieppe suggests. Insoles purchased from most sport shops will give the knee even more protection.

A simple exercise, done in bed twice a day, would help strengthen the thigh muscles which help to control stability of the knee joint and so reduce pain: straighten the leg and pull the toes towards you, push the knee down, then slowly lift the leg up, keeping the knee straight. Repeat up to 30 times.

Rheumatoid arthritis - inflammation which destroys the joint — is almost certainly caused by a breakdown of the body's defence system. Instead of attacking only hacteria and viruses, the T cells

in the immune system attack the body's own tissue in the joints. Researchers at Cambridge University, led by Dr John Isaacs, have developed a treatment, now under trial, designed to knock out the T cells by using monoclonal antibodies. The results have been promising, but it will be some time before such drugs an-

widely available. ■ Obesity increases the risk of arthritis in the knee joint by 5 per cent. Diets which are low in saturated fats may help to reduce the inflammation in joints. Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) found in fish oil, sunflower oil or evening primrose oil can reduce the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis in some patients and allow them to reduce their medication, although they may have to be eaten in large quantities.

Stress can be a trigger for the onset of rheumatoid arthritis, according to Professor Derrick Brewerton, a former consultant rheumatologist at the Westminster and Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, who on Thursday publishes a layman's guide to the disease (All about arthritis, past, present, future, Harvard University Press. £15.95).

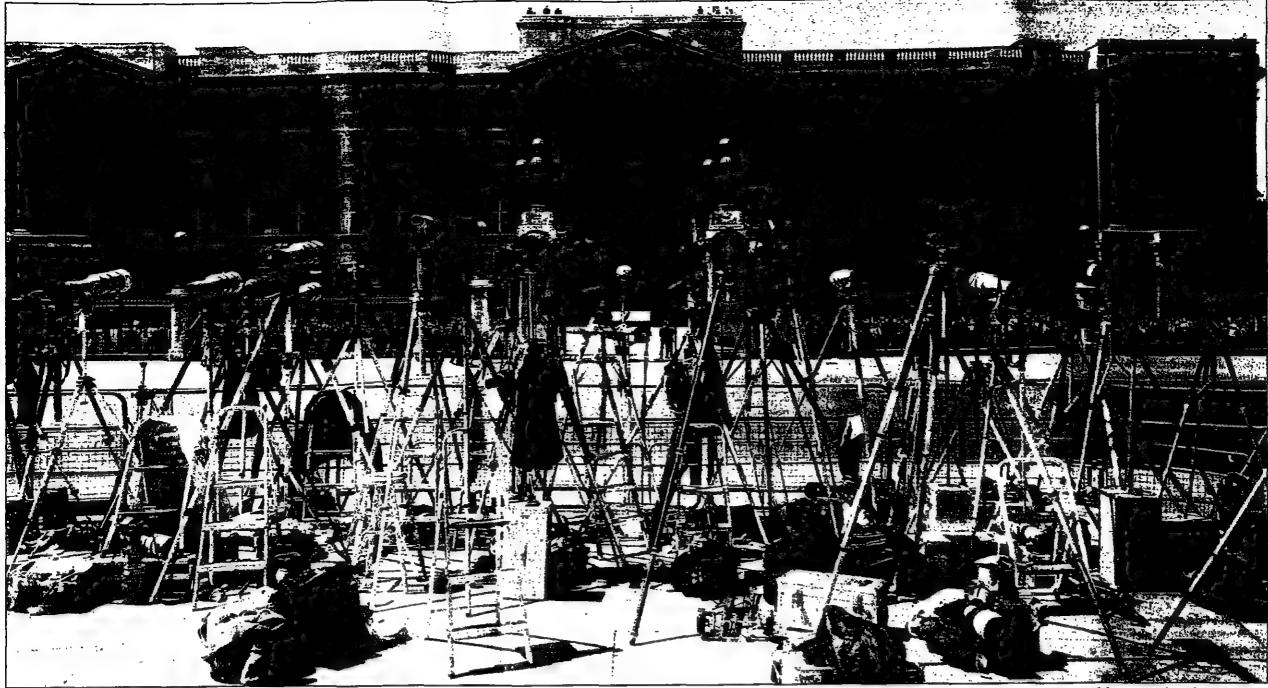
For a free booklet on arthritis, enclose a large SAE marked either Rheumstoid or Osteo to: The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, P O Box 177. Chesterfield, Derbyshire, \$41 7TQ.

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The palace, the press and the people. Part one: the way things were



The press has a thousand eyes: cameras are focused on Buckingham Palace ready for the start of a royal occasion — but behind the acceptable public scrutiny there is a "daily mix of sexual immendo, hypocrisy and lies" doing a huge disservice to society

From the gutter to the sewer and back

have, in my study in Scotland, a cartoon from Tatler magazine, dated 1908, which shows a crowned and robed figure rushing towards a building that looks remarkably like Buckingham Palace. He is surrounded by drawings of a multitude of vintage box cameras. The caption, which slightly misquotes Tennyson, reads "Fierce is that light that beats around the throne".

light that beats around the throne". I have always meant to, but never did, find out what particular incident this referred to, but one needs only a passing knowledge of 19th century history, let alone a study of the republican press in the last decades of the 18th century, to see that detrimental media coverage of the royal family, their doings and undoings, is nothing new, and the goings on of various Princes of Wales in this century, right down to and including the events leading to the abdication, have been all too well reventilated recently.

In the five years and seven months since I left Buckingham Palace I have not gone into print nor spoken publicly about my time there, since, despite many offers. I felt that it was my duty, if not obligation, to leave the past to itself. After almost ten turbulent years of dealing with Palace-press relations, the last thing I wanted to do was to declaim or write about them. But in that period, there have been many occasions where I felt so infuriated by reporting of royal events that I could well have burst into print or rushed round to the television studios to make my protest.

What has made me change now? Simply, it is that the whole perception of the royal family has dramatically altered over the summer. added to by the events of last week, in particular the aftermath of the great fire of Windsor, the Queen's remarkably candid speech at the Guildhall and the announcement by the prime minister that the Queen is to pay tax and to reimburse the Treasury for much of the costs of certain members of the royal family. I felt that some reflections from a former member of Her Majesty's Household, coupled with a contribution to the debate about the role of the press in the future of this country, might be useful. I write on a personal basis but also with the additional experience of dealing with media matters both for the government and in the

private sector.

This is something I will do seldom because I have little time or respect for most of the instant popular commentators on royal matters. I should say that, while my views of the tabloid press are certainly not high, there are a number of journalists working on them whose knowledge of what goes on is a lot better than some of those so-called royal experts.

I intend in the three parts of this article to reflect over past experience in various settings, to comment, as an informed outsider, on what has taken place over the years since I left the Palace, and to look to where we go from here. It will be set in the context of the media's interpretation of royal events. This is because I believe, unlike some, in writing from the hasis of some knowledge and experience but, more importantly, because we live in a media

democracy where the debate, not just about the royal family but about almost everything that takes place in public life, is carried on with much more effect, determination, and at times irresponsibility, than it is in Parliament.

The press are, after all, like the priests of yore; they have the pulpits from which to proclaim gods and devils. Editors and journalists select their victim kings, garland them, fête them and put them upon their pedestals. Then, after a brief day of glory, they ritually slaughter them. We see continuous examples of pop stars, soccer heroes, junior ministers. Chancellors, almost anyone in public life, built up, praised until they start slipping, and then with glee, the press rush to put the boot in. The late Ian Macleod once said. "there's no better time to kick a politician than when he's down". This seems to be the popular sport surrounding those who dare to seek prominence in any walk of life in Britain today.

When I am asked whether the press interest in the royal family last year has been something exceptional in the post second world war period, my answer has been a qualified yes, given that it has also grown naturally with the growth of mass communication.

But there have been other excep-

tional periods, for example, the huge amount of speculation over the future prospects of the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret just after the war, and the intense interest that surrounded the romantic prospects of the Prince of Wales prior to his engagement to Lady Diana Spencer. One of the very few times I issued a denial in my decade at Buckingham Palace related to a banner headline in the Daily Express that proclaimed that the Prince of Wales was about to get engaged, to Princess Marie-Astrid of Luxembourg. I checked out this story before issuing a statement to the effect that, not only was this untrue, but the Prince had hardly ever met Princess Marie-Astrid. True to its unrepentant style, the



Michael Shea (left) has never commented publicly about his nine years as the Queen's press secretary.

Recent events have persuaded him that he should break his silence, in a three-part analysis for *The Times*

only thing that changed in the later editions of the Daily Express was that a question mark was put at the end of its headline, and the front page leader began with "Despite Buckingham Palace's denials, rumours continue to abound that ..." etc.

When I arrived at Buckingham

Palace fresh from a diplomatic posting in New York, I found a vise Queen, a hard working royal family, a dedicated and remarkably efficient Household where the only slight, and in no real way personalised differences in strategy. were over the degree to which there should be more or less "openness" about the behind the scenes work ings of the official system. Should we keep the veil tightly drawn, or should there be more daylight shed on the mysterious ways of the monarchy? I felt at that time that we got the balance about right despite the constant media de-

mands for interviews and access. However, time for reflection on such matters of strategy was curtailed by having to react to each day's demands. There were ones of relative calm and ones of, in retrospect, ridiculous storm. There were, as 1 remember it, constant frustrations over the ludicrous stories that appeared in the tabloids, particularly on a Monday. Harry Arnold, then of The Sun, and James Whittaker, then of the Daily Mirror, would vie with each other, in their pubescent days as royal watchers, to write about the most

trivial happenings, either real or imagined, to do with any and every member of the royal family, with the almost universal exception of the Queen. I imagine that even they look back at some of their stories from that time, and, if they have it in them, blush. These were the days when it was said that a banner headline on the front page of The Sun might best read "Find a fact inside and win a million". Coverage, though even more trivial, was often just as intense over my period. When I was asked whether we took press cuttings at the Palace, I explained that on most days, there would be nothing left of the papers were I to arrange to have this done. can remember telling Harry Evans this when he was Editor of

this newspaper.

He responded that this was, of course, just the tabloids. Having done my brief research I was able to tell him (this must have been around about 1981) that, not counting the court page, there were 13 separate items about members of the royal family in that morning's Times. The Guardian, Financial Times and later when it came into being, The Independent, were then more frugal in their views of

goings on around the throne.

The one most pressing and appalling problem during my entire time at the Palace was the gross intrusion and invasion of privacy by photographers. The British press tended to play innocent, to brand them as paparazzi, largely

working for foreign publications. But their picture editors and I both knew that this was not the case. Even though many of them were freelance, what was the difference between a freelance and a full-time photographer when the freelancers were being paid handsome daily retainers by some in Fleet Street papers to have first option on what they shot?

he Princess of Wales in particular, and later her children being taken by nannies through London parks, were harassed and followed everywhere they went. On one extra-notorious occasion the pregnant Princess of Wales was photographed wearing a bikini. Apologies were demanded from the newspaper in question. It apologised the next day, but reprinted the photograph with the subheading that these were the photographs they were apologising for printing.

What did we do about it? I wrote

to all editors. I made appeals on a one to one basis. I talked to the Press Council. We got nowhere. I had two fairly widely reported meetings with almost all the editors of the day, with the exception of two who worked for the same proprietor who told me that they had more important things to do. At that meeting, it was agreed that the press would lay off, especially the Princess of Wales.

For a while after this meeting

and the subsequent one that took place with the same two editors, Kelvin MacKenzie and Andrew Neil, missing, a lot of the photographic harassment abated. But as this was also an age in which the paily Mirror and The Sun were chasing each other from the gutter to the sewer and back again in search of ever greater circulation figures, with the Daily Star whimpering along in the background, the stand-off period was short-lived.

the stand-off period was short-lived. I did not join those who at that stage blamed the press for everything. No more do I do so now. I am confident that our handling of these matters could have been better done. But our aim in the Palace press office was—and still, I believe, is—to give every possible help to all branches of the media when they cover official royal events and engagements.

I fully understood the frustrations of the press over their access to certain information which they, but not we, believed should be available. There has always, and will always be, a gap between what the media want to know about the royal family, in particular about their private lives, and what the Palace is prepared to make known.

The pressures were, of course, not always so intense and there were periods of relative quiet. I am amazed when I recall that there were even requests to me at various times to see if I could not increase the media profile and coverage of some royal events. Certain moves were made which I believe were enormously helpful, such as the decision to allow the televising of state banquets to show to a wider public some of the ceremonial behind the great affairs of state. In all this, thinking back, I tended mentally to divide the media into four distinct groups in

media into four distinct groups in terms of their behaviour and accuracy of coverage. At the top were the provincial and regional press, who, by and large, give balanced and dispassionate coverage when a member of the royal family comes to their areas. But that is in the nature of the provincial press who have to live much more closely with their readers and therefore have imposed upon them a higher degree of responsibility for getting their filts ngift.

somelivine about radio which, unciutiered by negative or positive temptations to make the visual content sufficiently enticing, tends gets its facts right and its opinions balanced. Television and the broadsheets came third. Both of those covered toyal events in waves of fashion over the period; at times they reported in depth and believed that it was part of their duty to send correspondents on visits or tours and have television, both independent and the BBC, not only cover tours, but then to edit the material into one of the specials which were given prime time slots on Sunday afternoons or evenings. At other times they, rather grandly, ignored royal matters entirely.

Last on my list—a way down—came the tabloids. The purpose of this article is not to condemn the tabloids any more than they do themselves. At their best they can be funny, they can be bright, they can, presumably, be entertaining to those who are entertained by them. At worst, they are a cancer in the soft underbeily of the nation, doing a huge disfavour to our society in terms of the damage they do to individuals, to institutions, to the body politic, to ordinary people, with their daily mix of sexual innuendo, hypocrisy and lies.

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In part two of his series, Michael Shea considers current press treatment of the royal family and deplores the arrant intrusion into privacy

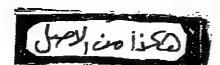


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■ Imagine an Advent calendar designed especially for the apocalyptic Nineties

bought myself an Advent calendar the other day. I thought it might fit under the heading of "nurture the child within thy self"; also; I really fancied one. "Little Tommy will love this, ha ha," I chuckled to the assistant (who was not remotely interested in my transparent bluff): "just wait till tiny wee Jemima sees it! Tch, what a treat for small Sam," and then I darted off to take refuge in the murk and anonymity of the street outside. In my haste, however, I left the calendar on the counter; which is why the first of December finds me rather glum, with no little paper window to prise open, and no loosely-glued glitter to spill

But perhaps it is for the best. Advent calendars -- even the scrappy, limp specimens of years ago, on which the perforations tore, and the revealed picture of the rocking horse was rarely in proper alignment with the window - are posited on anticipation, deferred gratification and hope, and unfortunately these three items of mental furniture are as scarce today as a tin bath or a radiogram. In the past I have often fondly supposed, that the Advent calendar might be adapted for other great national countdowns (the run-up to the Booker prize; the week before a general election) but this is to forget that most people are not as excitable as me. For the majority, I fear, there would be no perceptible thrill in opening little windows to reveal blurry archive pics of Selina Scott or the returning officer

But in any case (and this is the point), only a moron looks forward to things in today's world. Hope has no currency, and the only countdown operating in our lives is the obvious one for people living in an era called the 1990s - it is the daily sense that humanity is being dragged tick-tock ever nearer to the verge of catachysm by its own stupidity and cruelty. Don't you feel it? The dread? If not, what's wrong with you? Stormy dark horsemen with scythes a-glint may be an optional extra in this apocalyptic picture, but honestly, isn't it all over, bar the shouting? Years' ago, you would see funny cartoons of bearded blokes with placards saying: "The end of the world is nigh". But not anymore. Don't you think it is significant that they have disappeared?

o. "I suppose we'd better see what's behind the window today," says plucky Mrs Zeitgeist, reaching down her Millennial Advent Calendar, to check the latest seed of destruction. "Yesterday we had Croatians dying in concentration camps, do you remember? And before that, rampant Aids in the Third World. Now," --- she picks at the corner of the little window, and carefully peels it back -- "oh look. it's not so bad, just a new crime where women are hijacked in their cars. Hmm. Quite a good picture. See the woman being raped and killed. children? See the woman with her clothes caught in the door dragged for miles behind her speeding car? Well I think that's enough excitement for one day."

The joke is that people grow ever more cynical, in the mistaken belief that cynicism is a protection. Thus, every time you are shocked to read about innocence exploited or public trust abused, an exasperated voice in your head, shouts, "look, surely you've got the hang of this by now? Expect the worse and you won't be disappointed." How sad, though, that there is no room for nice surprises in these Advent calendars of ours. (mean, imagine if Mr Lamont's famous vintner expedition had turned out to be a charitable purchase on behalf of a dying constituent - a bottle of eggnog, or something. Nobody would believe it. "And the rest" The country would sneer, with a single voice. But cynicism is moral death, and the battle against it is virtually the only one still worth fighting. I shudder now to remember how readily I embraced the cynic's twin notions of how the world works: conspiracy and cock up. I only did it because it sounded smart, but now the wind has changed and i am stuck with it. "The road to hell," I faintly remember hearing somebody say. "is paved with good intentions." Oh veh?" says I. "And the rest."

The campaign to tax the Queen is based on monstrous exaggeration of her wealth, says Woodrow Wyatt

e are in George Or-well's 1984 where "Big Brother is watch-ing you". Big Brother today being an amalgam of those with power over large sections of the press and broadcasting, who manipulate opinion through their "Thought Police", then claim this represents the sponta-neous feelings of the public This is the antithesis of a free press and democracy. Since early 1991 the Queen has been harried by the demand to pay

The launching platform was an article in Harpers & Queen billing the Queen as the richest woman in the world with a personal £6.6 billion pounds, or just over £1.8 million a day. The Sunday Times, after giving much prominence to these supposed fabulous riches, more cautiously wrote editorially on February 10, 1991 that the £1.8 million a day was "probably wrong" but her "very great" wealth must nevertheless be taxed. The Daily Mail had no reservations. Its editorial on February 15, 1991, referred to the fact that the Queen does not pay tax on her income of £1.8 million a day as though this were established truth.

Lies and a royal vendetta

the tabloids and others. The "Thought Police" having swamped the public with the daily £1.8 million lie, easily won large opinion poll majorities in favour of the Queen paying tax. A carefully researched article in The Economist on January 25, 1992 estimated the Queen's private investments at now under £50 million after digging deep into her capital to help other Royals. "Her private in-come is perhaps between £1 million and £5 million a year. If she paid income tax the yield to the Treasury would be about £2 million at most". But "Big Brother", unconcerned with facts, gratifies an overweening hust while defeatistly convinced that Britain is in terminal decline and must, along

The Windsor Castle fire was a gift. It fuelled the cry that the Queen should pay for the re-pairs. As usual, facts did not intrude on the opinions of the most inaccurate media in the world. James Wyatt (my x-

with the Queen, embrace a

elegant alterations at Windsor for George III. His nephew, Sir Jeffry Wyatt (later renamed Wystville at George IV's insis-tence) worked closely with his sovereign in the huge 1824-30 reconstruction creating, inter-alia, the staggering skyline. The private apartments, opening into a wide corridor in the style of leftry Wysti's

the style of Jeffry Wyatt's Chatsworth remodelling, hickily were barely touched. The damage was where visiting heads of state and other foreign notables are received and entertained. Jeffry Wyatr's St George's Hall. Grand Reception Room, Green and Crimson Drawing Rooms. making a fine Regency set, not fatally hit by fire, can and should be fully restored. Howev-er, the dull private chapel where the fire began is a candidate for a modern imaginative design. Despite the media lies that Windsor is the Queen's person-al property, it would be absurd to ask the Queen to pay for the

repairs of state rooms. George III began the practice

Castle where you can see far more than in the Houses of Parliament. The money earned from overseas tourists is incalculable. They come because it is not a dead museum but some where the Queen lives. But also republicans and false friends protesting that the Queen must change with the times as the miserably see them, gloatingly tell us they have won the income tax battle. The Queen's enemies already ravenously enquire what she will pay tax on and if not why not, and their damour.

accompanied by the customary lies, will not cease.

nsulting suggestions and made as to items she should sell to meet her tax kultilities. Undoubtedly there will inc leaks of her income tax requires now that, as shown in the Sunday Times last weekend, Full details of everyone's financial affairs, tax returns, the lot. "In be rapidly obtained for 200. Nor can those Royals no longer on the Civil List expect to be unmolested. Today the verial press and media will personite her name.

by lies and innuendos any victim they choose. Witness the monstrous hunt of Mr Lamont, hound him out of office at "Big

If the controllers by bogus information of public opinion succeed in determining who should be members of the Cabinet, and in which office. democracy will be stood on its head. It has been in the case of the Queen's tax, which is a bad decision. The right solution would have been to return the Queen's Crown Estates to her. Currently they make a net profit of around £72 million a year. If they were given back, and she paid income tax at top rate, the Queen would have left at least £43.2 million a year. She would still not be as rich as the Queen of Holland but she would be able to contribute more for the apkeep of her sovereignty. At present the tiny, now-to-be-cut Civil List she gets in return amounts to a virtual confiscation of her property which is run

List could be forgiven if they refuse to make further public appearances at functions for which they are deluged with invitations to grace. Royal ladies are expected to be beautifully turned out, but who is to pay the expense of this? True, if some had behaved with more discretion, the pressure on the Queen to pay income tax might have been much less. However, it cannot be said that their marital troubles do not reflect what occurs in the population at

large.

The Queen has been and is superb. With utmost dedication she works unremittingly to fur-ther the country's good. We owe her much. The world envies us our monarchy: many here are foolishly near to directing envy at it. I hear normally intelligent people saying it is an anachro-nism which should be replaced by a republic. Foreigners would think we had gone mad and they would be right.

The monarchy is the living symbol which makes us proud of our past and encourages us to look forward with confidence to the future. God Save the Oueen is redolent of meaning: God Save the decaying politician

Private probity, public office

o what exactly did the Treasury see itself as contributing, when it handed over £4,000 to Norman Lamont? The official explanation is credible enough - indeed seamless in the way Whitehall sources tend to be and yet somehow it is less than illuminating. In the bland prose of civil service apologia, the contribution from the government was made to help defray expenses incurred by Mr Lamont in embarrassing circumstances because, as a holder of government office, a threat to reputation might "bear on his performance" of public

Presumably, if Mr Lamont had been a purely private per-son he might well have found himself with an unsalubrious tenant on his property. But since the presence of such a tenant would only

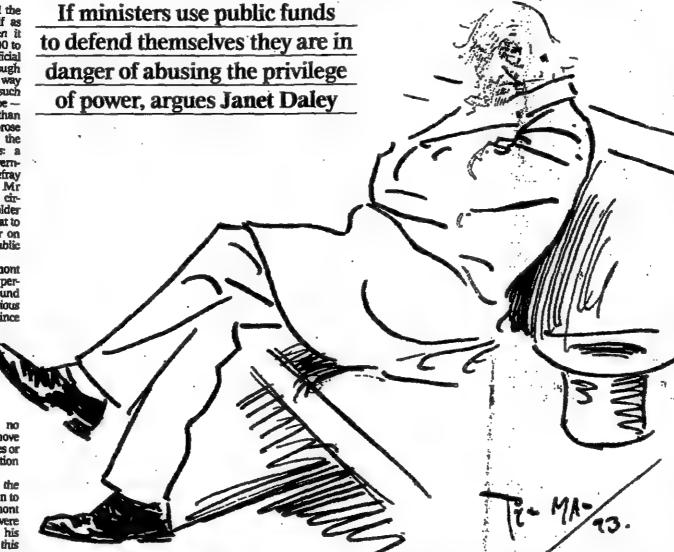
have been likely to

give rise to a certain amount of local ribaldry among Mr Lamont's col-leagues and friends, there would have been no urgent need either to remove said tenant from his premises or to counter press speculation about her activities there.

Thus it was deemed in the public interest for legal action to be taken to relieve Mr Lamont of the pressures which were likely to distract him from his responsibilties. Alongside this account of how financial help to the Chancellor could be seen to be for the nation's good, another argument offered by the Treasury was that it is inequitable for a man in public office to have to foot the entire bill for troubles which would not have befallen him had he not

been a holder of such office. In other words, it is legitimate for government to help meet the . costs to ministers of extremely expensive legal advice if and when they find themselves in circumstances which would not be discomfiting were they not in government. (Readers must bear with me. Some tortuous syntax is unavoidable here in conveying the circularity of this

But if being in office makes the having of such embarrassments, and whatever mistakes of judgment or failings of. character led to them, a subject



The upright Chancellor: Gladstone invented the role and set the highest standards for his successors to live up to

of serious speculation, then why should the suppression of such speculation — which was the purpose of hiring legal advice be paid for by the electorate who are doing the speculating? This is rather like suggesting that someone who is under suspicion of mismanaging company funds should be entitled to company funding to help him remove the evidence of

Let me put it another way. Government ministers are not press-ganged into their positions. Indeed, they devote lifetimes of effort to achieving them and are, therefore, likely to know what they are letting themselves in for by occupying public office. That is, they do not willy-nilly, through no fault of their own, suddenly find them-

mismanagement.

selves in a position where every aspect of their lives is open to press scrutiny and potential embarrassment for which wholhey should be entitled to

eing in government is at least something of a privilege which leaves one open to constant examination in terms of one's fitness for office. If challenges to that fitness may be defended with funds which are attached to the office, then do we not have a system which arms the powerful with the resources of precisely that station for which their fitness is being questioned? Do they not, in effect, have it all

Where do the interests of the

the private man begin? For that matter does an "office" have interests? If government itself is a kind of self-protective fortress. with automatic mechanisms for countering any attack like master computer HAL in the film, 2001) then are not the particular politicians who inhabit it bound to benefit in an unwholesome way? This is not corruption in any ordinary sense which involves bribery or personal favour but a generalised tendency to favour whoever is in power at the moment an inbuilt bias in favour of the status quo.

Britain, having no written constitution, has its institutions and political traditions formed by accretion. The advantage of this — that it is not tied to some

public office one and those of antique document which is cumbersome to change - has its price. What actually goes on and why, becomes very much harder to delineate and examine and there is no higher authority than precedent: if things have been done this way before, then it must be acceptable to carry on doing them this way.

Some principles become enshrined in the system through a kind of informal historical consensus. Since Gladstone, who invented the modern office of Chancellor, was a man of renowned probity and honour, that office has come to be associated with spotless character in a singular way. This special mythology of chancellor-ship may indeed go some way to justifying the Treasury's argu-

are subjected to unusual pressures from which taxpayers' money may be required to extricate them. But there is another principle established, if not by a constitution then certainly by statute, which guarantees that civil servants shall be disinterested in the fate of their political masters. Surely, this practice (if it is an accepted practice) of offering cash help to ministers "under pressure" from public embarrassment must risk compromising the independence of the civil

I am not intending to impugn Mr Lamont's particular actions, or the specific decision of Sir Peter Middleton, the former permanent secretary to the Treasury, to offer the Chancellor help from the taxpayer in his awkward dilemma. What I am suggesting is that, as things appear to stand, when a politician's competence is called into question by public controversy. he is entitled to use the very power and resources of his position to help snuff out that

Then the Treasury made its contribution to the Chancellor's fighting fund, it might have seen itself as protecting any or all of the following: the office of the Chancellor from disrepute; the electorate from any dire consequences which could have resulted from the strain on Mr Lamont, or Mr Lamont himself from professional débacle. Disentangling these three things, under the rather woolly arrangements which exist is a difficult matter. But as we move toward a more open and accountable public life, it will be a matter of urgency that we do so.

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If the unpicking of them proves impossible, then we shall find ourselves with a problem that goes far beyond any momentary predicaments of ministers or particular governments. For behind the tabloid tittletattle, there is real public disquiet about complacent, selfperpetuating power. The British electorate has discovered the joys of peeling away layers of mystery and self-justification to find what really lies beneath. Anything that smacks of possible collusion between one wing of the establishment and another is in for a rough ride.

Backroom Tories see red

HELL hath no fury like a Conservative who has just stumped up for the chancellor's legal fees. While Central Office is adamant that none of the money used to pay Norman Lamont's legal expenses has come from constituency association funds, employees at Smith Square are fuming that £18,000 of Tory party money, whatever its source, should be used in such a way when a squeeze of Dickensian proportions has just been imposed on the party machine.

The news of the payment could not have come at a worse time. The Tory faithful have just learnt that the party's 12 regional offices may be axed because of lack of money.

Only the party headquarters in Scotland seems certain to be saved. Offices in Wales, the Midlands.

and Yorkshire may be shut down or merged in the new year as the result of a review commissioned by Sir Norman Fowler. At Conservative Central Office in

London, where staff have already been laid off, there was barely concealed fury that the party could produce £18,000 out of a hat for the chancellor when times are so hard that the office copy of the Daily Sport has been cancelled. One employee said: "We are disgusted that they can find money to pay the most expensive lawyer in the land when most of us don't even know if we will be in a job in a few months' time."

Such is the state of the party's finances that some Conservative associations have fallen behind with their payments to the party's in-house firm of administrative suppliers in Reading. Any association which has not settled up within three months has to receive approval from Central Office in London before it is allowed to make

a fresh order.

John Carlisle, the only Tory MP to demand the chancellor's resignation, says: "It is difficult enough raising money now for the party because of the recession. This will make it worse. Whether the money came from benefactors or not, that money could have been better spent in marginal constituencies. Next time we hold a fundraising event there will no doubt be people asking for which minister's solicitor's fees are we raising the

● For a man with a £2470 credit card overdraft and a sizeable credibility gap, Norman Lamont is remarkably cheerful. At a confer-



ence at Conservative Central Office on Saturday Lamont was chal-lenged about high interest rates levied by the banks on small businesses. Pausing briefty the chancellor replied: "Yes. And they have them on Access cards too."

Out of pocket

THOSE wanting further evidence of Norman Lamont's mortality need look no further than the Thresher's receipt episode. Thresher's employees were dispatched to sift through bundreds of slips of paper in an attempt to prove that the chancellor's tastes extended to daret rather than cheap cham-pagne, but the scrap of paper eluded them. It was not found until the chancellor slipped on his sports jacket at Dorneywood on Sunday. In one of the pockets was the cause of all the fuss. Why was it not found jacket only at the weekend. Force fed

GOOD news for turkeys. Lord Weatherill, the former Speaker, is about to celebrate his 60th anniversary as a vegetarian. Now enjoying retirement from politics, but hard at work in the family tailoring firm, the newly elevated peer recalls his struggle to remain vegetarian in an age of carnivores.

"I have never liked meat and

before? The chancellor wears that

would not eat it as a boy. My father could not understand my aversion and used to take the strap to me. At meal times at prep school I was forced to sit next to the headmaster with the same piece of meat in my mouth day after day in an attemp to make me eat it," says Weatherill in Health Guardian magazine.

Weatherill, who never had any problem making himself understood in the Commons, suffered a terrible stammer as a result of the pressure, and was sent to numerous psychiatrists. One of sound common sense concluded: "If the boy doesn't like meat, why make him cat it?". Weatherill has not touched

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Feminists were out in force at the British launch of Ms magazine last week. Barbara Follett, left, told guests, including editor in chief Robin Morgan, centre, and founding editor Gloria Steinem, right, of her strongles with her healt guests. les with her bank. After months of trying, she had her bank cards changed from "Mrs" to "Ms". Then they were stolen. The bank has just reissued them in the name of Mrs Follett. "It's not that I mind being married." says Follett, who ran image projection courses for Labour candidates before the general election. "I just object to being defined by whether I am married. I don't think my bank manager understands that."

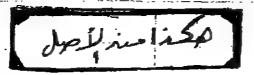
the Scottish capital for this month's summit, it is perhaps fitting that Edinburgh is to get a new saint. The Venerable Margaret Sindair, a former trade union activist and worker on the McVitte's biscuit fac-WITH hordes of Euro-fanatics about to descend vampire-like on canonised shortly.

Born in 1900. Sindair died in 1925 and has been "venerable" since 1978. This month, however, came the first indication that a canonisation was assured. The Rt Rev Keith O'Brien, archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, visiting the Vatican this month, was told by Pope John Paul II that a

miracle would secure it. Father Stephen McGrath, the vice-postulator for Sinclair's canonisation says: "She was an ordinary girl. Unusually ordinary. but extraordinary because of that ". A daily communicant from the age of seven. Sinclair became an apprentice French polisher at 14 and an active member of the wood-

workers' trade union. Later she worked at Mc\ itie's. which, says McGrath, was reluctant to let her leave to become a nun. McGrath says the Pope is "very keen". Having canonised 260 of the 700 saints created since the 10th century, John Paul II has been critisised by some cynics for being something of a one-man saint factory.







SHOOT TO FEED

If only force will save Somali lives, forceshould be used

The United Nations is contemplating the invasion of a member state. That, brusquely summerised, is the mandate America has asked the UN security council to consider for a new UN force in Somalia, to which President Bush is prepared to contribute up to 30,000 troops.

For the first time in the UN's history, the UN troops would be empowered to fire not just in self-defence, but to fight their way through any armed anempt to ambush or otherwise obstruct the distribution of humanitarian aid. Such a policy, described by one American official as "shoot to feed". would be a radical departure in international law. But for humanity's sake, governments must set aside their fears of setting precedents for external intervention. So desperate is Somalia's plight.

Radicalism must be married to careful planning: this operation must be speedily mounted and, for the first time, on an adequate scale. Respected agencies such as Save the Children, whose work in Somalia puts to shame the UN's tardy and inadequate response to date, oppose military intervention. Even in the absence of a government or working political structure, they believe it better to work alongside Somali elders, and fear that their staff and food stocks will be attacked once the UN plan is announced.

Yet the brutal fact is that persuasion has failed, and at intolerable cost. More than 300.000 Somalis have died of starvation. and a quarter of a million more could be dead by the new year, women and children first. Nearly a million Somalis have fled the country. Two million, a third of those who are left, are seriously at risk of dying: shot by armed gunmen, or perishing for lack of food that the world is able and willing to provide.

Attempts by UN and private aid agencies to co-operate with the "authorities" have meant, in practice, begging warlords for permission to save their countrymen from starving. Their word is worth nothing. UN

grain shipments were halted last week, after a ship with "primission" to unload was shelled last week aftering the harbour of the capital. But even hat is not the heart of the problem. Once first is in the country, local problem. Once find is in the country, local gunmen extract aney to protect convoys, and top up it a earnings from this protection racket looting the goods they have promised to otect. The UN secretary-general, Boutros aros Ghali, admits that four-fifths of food ad medicines reaching Somalia never reaching a the starving.

A political second in Somalia is remote, but the stating can be stopped without one. The ten UN military contingent deployed is now is impotent: the grim joke is that if the protect it. Yet the same deproves to civilian relief works the armed gangs in Somalia are now, a would be no match

Somalia are now, for a large, well-arr would be no match UN force. UN troops can and should good airstrips and ports, food convoys and a ribution centres, with assent, and disarm or without the ward

freelance gunmen.
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SCIENCE'S BIG BANG

The nuclear jubilee looks back in relief and or hope

Fifty years ago tomorrow a telegram was sent from a squash court in Chicago to the White House. Its cryptic message ran: "The Italian navigator has entered the New World," With benefit of hindsight we can see that not all the natives were friendly, for the navigator was Enrico Fermi and the world he had entered was that of nuclear fission.

On December 2, 1942, Fermi's team succeeded in setting in motion the first selfsustaining nuclear fission reaction. For all those involved, it was apparent that this was no ordinary experiment. If successful, it would provide an alternative route to nuclear weapons, in some ways simpler than the enrichment of uranium. Of lesser importance at the time was the prospect of using the control of nuclear fission, pioneered in that squash court under the grandstand of Stagg Field, for the production of electricity.

In the event, nature behaved as the scientists expected. The chatter of the automatic counters rose as the last control rod was pulled out. Nobody spoke while Fermi studied the instruments and checked to make sure the growth in neutron flux was exponential. indicating the establishment of a chain reaction. Finally, after an agonising delay, he said "Zip in". A control rod was dropped back into the pile. Immediately the reaction subsided and the celebrations began.

Never has science given birth to a more producious infant. The history of the past bulf-century would have been very different without the atom bomb, which imposed its own moratorium on world war. Opposing empine were forced to moderate their instincts in face of the terrible prospect that faced them if they fought. By raising the risks to an intolerable le e atom bomb at once made war more d less likely. ed nuclear

On the home front, is fission offered a new generate a laudly pro-realment. The electricity. Its promise, claimed, has never quite I the risks as even. Today. what critical, beace with spires are costs were not as low, manageable, as proponent 50 years after the first reach the public has yet to make nuclear fission. The feeling as those just as powerful and contri felt by the pioneers who wat silence as Fermi orchestrated the his eriment.

The events that day I other imesformed portant consequence. The nore propublic expectations of sci foundly than any other ent ever conducted. From a labe curiosity Ruropean understood by a few expa scientists, nuclear fission be the greatest power on earth. For so s this has been a blessing — and a d hey have enjoyed their season in the sa pported in a manner far more generou - Was ever the case in the past. But go not always been laid with the eggs have ency their paymasters expected.

Governments have had earn that merely assembling large tea and engineers and pointing i reientists hem at a me is not problem is not enough. If it ripe, then little or nothing may In nuclear fission, a science a achieved coment of with a revolutionary change coinc sequence of events that made mph not only inevitable but necessary not usually so accommodating expields in secrets sparingly, and not a sess at the bidding of the biggest spenders nanire is

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British motorbikes rev up again as symbols of liberal

Those who mourn the death of the British motor Acle industry - usually alongside the demiss of courtesy and the decline of the pound - will raise a small cheer today. As the International Motorcycle Show opens in Firmingham, two British companies, rethed turn the dead, will display their new wares Both Norton and Triumph are malary motorbikes again - and with varying degrees of success.

Notical was given an abrasive treatment be Six John Harvey-Jones in his Troublethatter television programme last week. Motors : de alicionados claim the company is armine for far apmarket, its new model costs is much as a tamin salesm car. But Trum on has were great accolades for its Trophy described by one motoring writer as a pour plant that could have been deugnet in Hunda or Kawasaki". That, by the

teorniques s. a. ver In the 195th, two out of three motorbikes in the acted were Roush-made By the 1960s. Japan was challenging Britain in the autopatics and moped market. Within ten wars, and one motor-evele in 100 sold in Informatis made here. Since the 1970s, the apanese have ordiner taken 90 per cent or

sore of the Breach market Design macame, in 1981, had harsh eds by the nearth motorcycle industry: can the most patriotic British rider has sectional from the anstere traditional of sortic by other that work, electric starter motors and freedom from epeball-buzzing vibration. Riders no long think it part of motorcycling's rich tapeship is it by a wet roadside with their hands with eleep in an oily clutch."

Motorcycle Sport, in 1970, a scribed Honda's new CB750 as "a commisseur's dream". The same issue found that the Triumph Trident 3 idled uneventy leaked oil and was suspected of rust. Some of its dials did not even light up at night. Sonda did not make that elementary mistake Triumph and Norton are relationer

themselves into a shrinking market New motorbike sales are at an all-time win Britain - 52,000 in 1991 compared with 331,000 in 1959. Motorcycling was a phenomenon of the postwar years; when petrol was scarce and cars expensive. Motorbikes were then a rite of passage for young men, a taste of the freedom of independent travel before the onus of family responsibility arrived. Now motorbikes are less popular with the young and more so with harassed commuters in their thirties trying to beat the traffic while recapturing a little of their old Easy Rider fantasies.

Nostalgia is rarely what it used to be. But companies such as Triumph and Norton have one great advantage. Despite having lain dormant for so long, their brand names endure as romantic symbols of teenage and young adult liberation. And nobody now remembers the leaking oil.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lamont expenses in the public eye

From Mr Adam C. Barker

Sir. The media and the Labour party are so intent on finding fault with Mr Lamont that they have ignored the conduct of the Conservative party. Why was £18,000 of party funds used to pay legal fees to evict a "sex therapist' from the Chancellor's London home?

You report today that the money did not come from funds raised by constituency parties, but "appears to have been provided by one or more party benefactors". Is this explanation of the source of the money enough to placate members of local constituency parties? I certainly hope not. The ability of rich benefactors to "funnel" money to government ministers through the Conservative party raises very serious questions.

What other "reimbursement" has been paid to ministers by the Conservative party? Did David Mellor receive any "reimbursement" from party funds? If not, why not? Any costs incurred by Mr Mellor in defending his reputation would be comparable to the reimbursement of Mr Lamont's

One has to wonder what controls there are over this Conservative party "slush fund". Surely we cannot allow government ministers to receive money from rich benefactors in this manner. While the Chancellor states that "none of the costs incurred in evicting my tenant was met from public funds", I submit that the Conservative party is not an appropriate alternative form of funding.

Yours sincerely, ADAM C. BARKER, Lloyds Avenue House, 6 Lloyds Avenue, EC3. November 30.

From Mr John E. Strafford

Sir, It is reported today that Conservarive Central Office has paid £18,000 towards Norman Lamont's legal expenses. If this is an example of Central Office expenditure, it is no wonder that the party is on the very edge of bankruptcy.

Sir Norman Fowler has proposed a board of management to run Central Office (Diary, November 23). It is essential that at least half of the members of this board are directly elected by the constituency associ-ations by postal ballot. Democratic accountability should stop such an appalling situation arising again.

Yours faithfully, JOHN E. STRAFFORD. Perama, Fulmer Road, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Richard Tattersall

Sir, I am sure that most legal aid lawyers were dismayed at the savage curs in legal aid entitlement announced by the Chancellor in his Aurumn Statement. It was therefore heartening to read of a novel legal aid scheme to assist those who, whilst not on the bread-line, are seemingly unable to bear the full cost of going to

I am unclear as to the precise details of the scheme, but newspaper reports suggest that in deserving cases, the Treasury will pay a substantial percentage of the costs incurred.

Legal aid practitioners will be delighted to note that under the scheme there would appear to be no "means test" - the merits of the case alone being the only determining factor - and the scale of remuneration is linked to that charged by the top City firms: about £200 per hour, rather than the much more modest rates that apply under the statutory

Yours faithfully RICHARD TATTERSALL Tanersalls (solicitors). 94 Calcuma Road. Tilbury, Essex. November 30.

From Mrs Kate Paviot

Sir. I assume that ministers occupying official residences are not obliged to rent out their private residences. I further assume that, apart from normal taxation of unearned income, such ministers do not usually share with the nation any profits they make from such letting.

That being so, why should the nation be involved in any expenses ministers might incur as a result of such transactions?

Yours faithfully, KATE PAVIOT. 22 Westbourne Gardens, W2. November 29.

From Mr Timothy Shorter

Sir, Mr Lamont's solicitors' bill for evicting his tenant and dealing with the media was £23,000, apparently run up over a period of four or five weeks (according to his solicitor on the radio this morning).

As a legal practitoner, I was recently paid a similar amount of money in a Children Act case. The difference would appear to lie in the fact that my case involved six months' preparation, a ten-day hearing before a High Court judge and the fee I have received includes counsel's fees, VAT and all necessary expenses.

Yours faithfully, TIM SHORTER (Senior Partner). Howe & Shorter (solicitors). Trinity Chambers, 19 Trinity Road, Weymouth, Dorset. November 30.

Key issues for future of the BBC

From Professor Eric Barendt

Sir, The green paper, The Future of the BBC (reports and leading article, November 25), is silent on one key issue of constitutional importance why should our public broadcasting system be set up by royal charter and not by statute?

The BBC's institution by charter. renewed every 15 years, makes its very existence dependent on the continued goodwill of government and enhances the insecurity it feels as a result of reliance on the licence fee. The government can revoke the charter at

Moreover, if the BBC were set up by statute MPs from both sides of the House would be able to influence the terms of its constitution. At the moment important restrictions are imposed on the corporation's freedom by a licence and agreement, which is not the subject of a detailed clause byclause debate in Parliament.

Coupled with the prime minister's monopoly power to nominate the BBC governors, the charter and the licence give the government an ability to influence public broadcasting, which seems hard to justify and is surely disturbing.

Yours faithfully. ERIC BARENDT. University College London, Faculty of Laws, Bentham House, Endsleigh Gardens, WC1. November 25.

NHS under pressure

From Professor T. J. Ryan and Professor R. D. R. Camp

are seeking to employ consultants whose future clinical activities are perceived to be better based in the ments. Consultant dermatologists have been under particular pressure to take on such sessions.

advantages for some, we are concerned that many patients may receive poorer quality dermatological care, because it is not cost-effective to equip every health centre with appropriate facilities for following through diagnosis, investigation and specialist

Yours faithfully, TERENCE J. RYAN (President, British Association of Dermatologists), RICHARD CAMP (Chairman, British Association of University Teachers of Dermatology). British Association of Dermatologists, 3 St Andrew's Place,

November 23.

Regent's Park, NW1.

Sir, Dr D. J. M. Wright (letter, November 19) is right to raise the issue of how best to decide what is the

Child support

From the Director of the Child Poverty Action Group

Sir, Mr Martin Symonds's view (letter, November 19) that the income support regulations are being changed "to ensure that those people in receipt of maintenance will be able to keep a proportion without it affecting their benefit" is wrong. Every £1 of child maintenance received will continue to result in £1 decrease in

income support. Mr Symonds also refers to the scheme whereby the DSS can take over court orders when parents are not receiving maintenance on those orders regularly. However, the DSS does not pass on any maintenance recovered to the parent. It is only a system for ensuring that no families end up below income support level.

There is no such safeguard for those in receipt of family credit, the benefit for parents working at least 16 hours a week. When calculating family credit, the first £15 of maintenance is ignored. However, if an absent father is due to contribute more than £15 a week but does not pay up, the parent caring for the children will be worse off than if she was not due any maintenance at all.

People on family credit should at least be guaranteed not to lose out; but ministers have said that they cannot implement such a scheme.

Yours faithfully, FRAN BENNETT, Director, Child Poverty Action Group, 1-5 Bath Street, EC1.

From Professor Sir Alan Peacock, FIIA, FRSE

Sir, Your leading article, "Public service" (November 25), is right to make the point that competition in and pricing of broadcasting services will offer viewers and listeners the best way to express their preferences. However, it avoids discussion of a

Your implied suggestion that the BBC should be the only channel with an obligation to undertake publicservice broadcasting is highly undesirable. The essence of freedom of choice is that there must be access to alternative sources of supply of cultural goods as to other goods.

The independent companies must continue to provide news, discussion of current affairs, drama, music and the like, which help us to improve our understanding of the world around us. These companies have a franchise obligation to provide high-quality programmes and this offers a prima face case for some form of public

funding.
Whether such funding should come from a "cut" of the BBC licence fee or from some other source is an open

From all they read and are told, they

expect to see less emergency activity in

the accident and emergency depart-

ment than in their previous job; but

inevitably they find not only that they

are more busy than before but that they are unable to admit all the sick

patients that they would like or would

have admitted previously because

with "the London experience" -

having to send ill patients home

(through lack of beds) whom, in their

ast job, they would have admitted

Accounting for the "true" popula-tion of a deprived inner city is not easy,

as was recently demonstrated in the

tragic air disaster in Amsterdam.

Capital cities have a substantial "hid-

den" population who manage to avoid

While planning the delivery of local

examined the number of people

registered with general practitioners

who have their practices in West

Lambeth health district and found a

total of 191,000. It is generally

accepted that at least 10 per cent of

people are not registered with a GP

(and it may be more in a deprived in-

ner-city area); this gives an estimate of

the local population of around

210,000 compared with the official

Office of Population Censuses and

Surveys' figures of less than 160,000

Tomlinson (who uses OPCS data)

makes some sensible suggestions on

how to improve primary care which

may or may not work. Does it really

make sense to cut more beds and close

hospitals which are overfull until

alternatives have been installed and

Our patients and GPs don't think

so, but they are very frightened by what they have heard.

Guy's and St Thomas' Medical

Department of Endocrinology

and Chemical Pathology,

Lambeth Palace Road, SE1.

- a substantial underestimate.

getting into "official" statistics.

without difficulty.

They have to learn to come to terms

there are not enough available beds.

Yours sincerely, ALAN PEACOCK, The David Hume Institute, 21 George Square, Edinburgh 8. November 25.

"appropriate" number of hospital beds for our capital city. At St Thomas', our junior hospital doctors who come to London for the first time

are usually "gobsmacked" when they do their first 24 hours "on take". Sir, Many GP fund-holding practices

community than in hospital depart-Although this system will have

treatment

The number of fund-holding general practices will far exceed the number of available UK qualified dermatologists. Some may employ less expensive and less qualified dermatologists, perhaps from other parts of the world.

Diversion of patients and funds from hospital departments will result hospital-based dermatological services needed for many patients. Furthermore, the erosion of academic centres will be to the major disadvantage of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, the training of future dermatologists, research into skin disease and its treatment, and ul-

timately patient care. Politicians, health service managers, dermatologists and general practitioners should consider with care the consequences of such developments. The need for an organised policy and long-term planning is now urgent

From Professor Peter Sönksen

Flags aflame

shown to work?

Yours faithfully

PETER SÖNKSEN.

and Dental School,

St Thomas' Hospital.

From Mr John Godfrey

Sir. Quite the most intriguing aspect of the present flag-burning by French farmers is the implication that these people must have kept stocks of American and British flags somewhere to be handy for the next spontaneous demonstration against the Anglo-Saxons. It would certainly take me a day or two to get hold of a tricolore.

Or were these flags folded and put in the attic after they had been hung at upper windows in 1944?

Yours faithfully, J. GODFREY. 69 Kew Green, Richmond, Surrey. November 26.

VAT on books?

From Mr Patrick Cavendish

Sir. Disturbing reports have reached me that the government has been considering imposing VAT on books and publications - a retrograde step. The dissemination of knowledge is essential for our cultural development. If VAT were imposed on this company, for example, we would have to liquidate, dropping 110

devoted and hard-working people. Yours faithfully, PATRICK CAVENDISH (Chairman).

Eaglemoss Publications Ltd. 7 Cromwell Road, SW7.

Hard choice on Hong Kong future

From Sir Percy Cradock

Sir, Your leader of November 20 launches a violent attack on the "old China hands", the "former architects of China policy". You say that their policies have failed, their advice was pusillanimous, and that they are concerned, not with the welfare of Hong Kong, but with protecting their own shabby performance from exposure in the light of Mr Patten's reforms.

Since I am clearly one of your targets, perhaps I could comment. The policy I advocated, and still advocate, is one of quiet but tenacious negotiation with Peking in the interests of Henry Kong angential hand him of Hong Kong, pressing hard, but avoiding open breaches and trials of strength for which Hong Kong will

have to pay. The working principle has been that Hong Kong's welfare depends on Sino-British co-operation. If that is a pusillanimous policy, I plead guilty; and so must the ministers of two governments who endorsed it. A failed policy? It brought us. among other things, the Joint Declaration of 1984. Does The Times think that a failure? And where does it think Hong Kong would be now without

the declaration? As regards the current crisis, everyone, in Britain at least, would like Hong Kong to be able to enjoy more democracy. That is not in issue. What is in issue is whether pushing on with the present constitutional proposals in the face of violent Chinese opposition will do Hong Kong, including Hong Kong democracy, more harm than

good in the long run.

The Chinese have said that if the proposals are implemented they will dismantle the present legislature and set up their own in 1997. The result will be a more repressive system. As confrontation deepens Chinese cooperation in other areas affecting Hong Kong is likely to be withdrawn and Chinese commitment to the Joint Declaration itself could be reduced.

The logic or fairness of the Chinese response is neither here nor there: what matters is whether they will carry out their threats. If we are sure they are bluffing, all well and good. If we believe, as I do, that they are serious, that is a different matter. We then have to judge whether Hong Kong will be best served by four years of improved democracy, set up in conditions of worsening Chinese hostility, and followed by a more repressive system of indefinite duration; or, on the other hand, modification of the present proposals to ensure that the legislature is preserved and that Chinese commitment to the Joint Declaration is not weakened.

and Hong Kong. Old China hands and all friends of Hong Kong are alive to it. You either do not grasp it. or choose to evade it. Either way, you seriously mislead your readers.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, PERCY CRADOCK (Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister, 1984-92). c/o Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1. November 26.

Guest detritus

From Mr David Moss

Sir, It is quite clear that Mr Eliot-Cohen's son's seven friends (letter. November 28) have every intention of being invited to stay again. The items they left behind - wellingtons, walking boots, jerseys etc. — suggest the next invitation should be a weekend in winter - presumably this winter.

Yours faithfully. DAVID MOSS, 73 Wroughton Road, SW11.

Sitting pretty? From Mr.D. R. Tye

Sir, Your correspondents (November 16, 17, 18, 20,23, 25) speculate on an appropriate new filling for the Woolsack. Privatise the wool, I say,

Yours sincerely, D. R. TYE. Ridgecroft, Birch Grove, West Hill, Ottery St Mary, Devon.

and give the sack to the Treasury.

From Mr Brian H. Taylor

Sir, At the risk of spoiling the fun, I suggest whoever sits on the Woolsack as we enter the 21st century would gain the greatest comfort from knowing that he or she presided over a democratically elected second chamber.

Yours faithfully BRIAN H. TAYLOR, Silverstone. Ashley Park Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

From the Master of the Worshipful Company of Woolmen Sir. Why not woo!?

Yours etc... BARRY H. JEFFERSON (Master, The Worshipful Company of Woolmen), Hanaper, 12 Bluebridge Road, Brookman's Park,

Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Princes Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, this evening attended a Special Performance of Cyrano de Bergerae in aid of the Combined Theatrical Charities Appeals Council to market Charines Appeals Council to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of Her

Majesty's Accession, at the Theatre Majesty's Accession, at the Theatre Royal, Haymarker, London SW1. Her Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses were received by the Chairman of the Appeals Council (Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Inhustrant and the President of the Johnston) and the President of the Theatre Royal (Miss Enid Chanelle).

The Lady Farnham, the Hon Mrs Wills, Mr Robin Janvin, Mr Charles Anson and Major James Patrick were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE November 30: The Prince of Wales today visited Sheffield and was received by Her Majesty's Lond-Lieutenant for South York-shire (Lieutenant Colonel Hugh

His Royal Highness visited Thornton Precision Forgings at Lowther Road The Prince of Wales later visited Barworth Flockton at Ecclesfield. Mr Hugh Merrill was

YORK HOUSE

November 30: The Duke of Kent this morning visited Joint Euro-pean Tourus Joint Undertaking, Ahingdon and was met an arms. ST JAMES'S PALACE by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley

His Royal Highness this after-noon opened the new Civic Offices of the Vale of White Horse District Captain the Hon Tom Coke was in attendance.

Dinners

Cardiff Business Club HM Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the High Sheriff of South Giamorgan, Mr Alistair Golley, and the President of Car-diff Business Club. Sir Idwal

Pugh, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The Guest Speaker was Mr Dafydd Wigley, MP, the President of Plaid Cymri Dr Tom Parry Jones. Chairman, Lion Laboratories pic.

The Chambers of Eric Somerset Jones, QC, held a dinner on Saturday at Middle Temple to

Terence Phipps of 50 years service as a derk in Chambers, and to mark the occasion of his retirement as Senior Clerk. Among those present were Sir Cecil Clothier, KCB, QC, and the Hon Mr Justice Pill who made the presentation of a watercolour of Goldsmith Building on behalf of present and former members of Chambers. Sir Richard Cooper, Bt

On the occasion of the Royal Smithfield Show, Sir Richard Cooper, Bt, held the traditional dinner for agriculturalises for agriculturalists at Claridge's last night. Sir Richard proposed the toest "to Agriculture" and the Minister of Agriculture the Right Hon John Gummer, MP, replied.

Luncheons

Royal Over-Seas League The Lord Mayor of Westminster was the guest of honour at a huncheon held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Peter McEntee, chairman

and members of the central council were the bosts.

Farmers' Company

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Mr Adrian J. Tritton, Master of the Farmers' Company, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall. The Masters of the Butchers', Gardeners and ironmongers Companies were among the guests.

Service huncheon The Royal Irish Rangers Officers Club

The Annual London Lunch of The Royal Irish Rangers Officers Club was held on Friday, November 27, 1992 at the Cadogan Hall, Duke of Yorks Headquarters, Kings Road, Major General R.N. Wheeler, CBE, presided.

Chapel closed

The Painted Hall and Chapel of the Royal Navai College Green-

Appointments in the Forces

Major General A.G.H. Harley to be Commander British Forces Cyprus and Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus in March 1993 in succession to Air Vice-Marshal A.F.C. Hunter. Air Commodore N.B. Baldwin to be Assistant Chief of the Delence Staff (Overseas) in February 1993 in the rank of Air Vice-Marshal in

succession to Major General A.G.H. Harley.

The Army

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GROUP CAPTAIN: P W Day - 30 Wittering 30.11.92; A G Hopper - 40 RAF Shawbury 1.12.92; W J Pile - 10 RAF Usbridge 27.11.92. RAF Usbridge 27.11.92.
WING COMMANDER: P G Burge - to MOD 30.11.92; R E Cooper - to MOD 30.11.92; B C Coper - to MOD 30.11.92; D J FOCOCK - to MOD 30.11.92; D J FOCOCK - to MOD 30.11.92; D R E Evand - to Staff College Reachnell 30.11.92; C A Elicins - to D Spiffoly[RAF] 30.11.92; C A Elicins - to D Spiffoly[RAF] 30.11.92; T Rirby - to RAF Lynchum 30.11.92; RAF St Mawgen 23.11.92; B N Bolinn - to HO AFCENT RAFE 2.11.92; B.S. Page-to 30 MU RAF Scaland 14.11.92; R Brooke - to 7MU RAF Quedgeley 16.11.92; G A Ashcreft - to MOD Harrogate 30.11.92.

University news

Professor Roger Williams to be Vice-Chancellor from October 1, 1993, on the retirement of Dr E.S.

Sentlempton Appointments

To personal chairs

Dr Mike Clark, Resder in Geog-raphy, Dr Malcolm Wagstaff, Reader in Geography, Dr Howard Wheal, Wellcome Reader in Neurophysiology, Dept of Physiology and Pharmacology. Readerships

Dr Andrew Brown, Dept of Electronics and Computer Sciences, Dr Angela Gurnell, Dept of Geography, David Jones, Deptof Pathology, Dr Peter Figueroa, School of Education

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, as pairon and trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have reached gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St. James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00; and as President and Honorary 150 Edinburgh's Deart Serios 6-Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Aris, Manufactures and Commerce, will attend a dinner and present the Albert Medal at the Society's

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of attend the Council of Manage-ment meeting at Fishmongers' Hall at 12.15; as President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, will attend a reception for the Commission on Primary Care at the college at 6.00; and, as President of the Prince's Youth Business Trust and The Prince's Trust, will give a dinner for trust supporters at Kensington Palace at

Appointments

Mr Peter Collier, QC, has been become Chancellor of the Wakefield Diocese. The Bev Manrem Alichin, parish deacon, Southwick, to be Parish deacon, Stortington (Chichester). The Rev Vivienne Armstrong-MacDomnell, parish deacon, Crediton and Shobrooker to be diocesan adviser in Adult Training (Exerer). The Rev Cartis Bracegirdle, team vicar, East Farriworth and Kearsley: to be Vicar, S. Stephen, Astiey Dainchester). The Rev Cartis Breeds, team vicar, Addrington: to be Pries-in-charge, Addrington: to be Pries-in-charge, Hove, S. Anderev (Chichester). The Rev Anthony Brown, formerly team vicar, Langley Marish (Chrond: to be vicar, St Mary, Peterborough. The Rev John Cohen, non-spjendlary and Ipswich). The Rev Endon Brian Cordingty: to be an Honorary Canon Emeritus of Manchester Cathedral Dainchester). The Rev Trevor Criticitow, curse, St John the Rapitst, Croydon: to be assistant priest, St Mary, Lewisham (Southwark).

The Rev Paul Demby, Diocesan

assistant price, St Mary, Lewisham (Southwart). The Rev Paul Denby, Diocesan director of Ordinands: to be also an honorary canon of Manchester, The Rev Robert Gles, formerly USPG area representative: to be rector. Broughou w Leddingson and Cransley and Thorpe Malsor (Peterborough). The Rev Matthew Grayshon, vicar, Hailwood (Chester): to be vicar. St Mary w St Christopher, Hamwell (London). The Rev Roy Greenland, vicar.

(London).
The Rev Roy Greenland, vicar,
Northampton St Alban (Pener-borough): to be rector, Waldron

borough: to be rector, Waldron (Chichester).

The Rev Canon John Gunstone: to be an bonorary canon emeritus of Manchester Cathedral Manchester).

The Rev John Heath, rector, Morston-hampstead, North Bowy and Manann: to be priest-in-charge. Lifton, Keily w Bradstone and Broadwoodwidger (Exeter).

The Rev Harry Hopking: to be port chaptain to Missions to Seamen. Teesside (Yorid.

The Rev Martin Jewitt, vicar, Parish of the Ascension, Balham Hill Southward), to be rector, 31 Agnet, North Reddish (Manchester).

The Rev Morman Jones, vicar, Christ.

8.00. The Princes of Wales, as Patron of the British Deaf Associ-ation, will attend the latinch of the British sign language dictionary at the City Livery Club. at 11.00.

Prince Edward will attend the 1992 Radio Times Cornedy and Drama Awards presentation and luncheon at the Maylair Hotel at

11.55.

The Princess Royal, at President of Riding for the Disabled Association, will open the Riding Complex. Basis Lane. Willington, Bedford, at 10.10: will attend the BPCC Thank You' luncheon at BPCC Printing Works, Dunstable, at 11.55; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit Britannia Airways at Luton Airport at 1.35; and at President of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs. will attend the Farmers Chubs, will attend the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court at 4.00. Later, as Master of the Loriners' Company, will attend the annual livery dinner of the

(Chichester).
The Rev Tom McAlister, permission t

Church news

Carpenters' Hall at 6.45. Princess Margaret will attend a huncheon at London Lighthouse at 1.00; and visit an exhibition to mark World Aids Day mounted jointly with the Borough of Ken-sington and Chelsea.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a gala performance by Clonter Opera for All in the Britten Theatre, Royal College of Music. at 7.35.

The Duke of Kent, Patron of the Tree Council, will attend the president's dinner at the Cavahy and Guards Club at 7.45. The Duchess of Kent, Parmn of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, will attend a reception at the Honourable Artillery Company, Armously House, at 7.30 to meet members of the trust. members of the trust.

Princes Alexandra will attend the opening of the Samsung Gallery of Korean Art at the Victoria and Albert Museum at 6,30.

Birthdays today

Mr Woody Allen, director, 57; Professor Norman Browse, presi-dent, Royal College of Surgeons, 61; Mr Anthony Coe, chief con-stable, Suffolk, 51; Mr Gordon Crosse, componer, 55; Mr Miles Church, Kowloos (Blong Rong) to be team rector. St Mary the Virgin, Eccles Toam Ministry (Manchesser). The Ber Myra Leppard, parish deacon, Brighton the Good Shepherd: now parish deacon. Patcham South (Chichester). Crosse, composer, 55; Mr Mile Denness, cricketer, 52; Miss Bva-



Mr Stephen Poliakoff, the playwright, is 40 today

Evciolcimova, prima ballerina assoluta, 44: Lord Gienconner. 66; Dame Alicia Markova, prima ballerina assoluta, 82; Mr Keith Michell, actor, 64; Miss Bette Midler, singer and actress, 47; Sir William Pile, civil servant, 73; Major-General Sir Desmond Rice, 68; Dame Mildred Riddelsdell, civil servant, 79; Mr Andy Ripley, rugby player, 45; Lord Roll of lpsden, 85; Mr Lee Trevino, olfer, 53; Baroness Willoughby de Eresby, 58.

Appointment

IN MEMORIAM

Mr Justice Brooke to be chains of the Law Commission.

LEGAL NOTICES

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.T. Briter and Miss S.R.V.C. Hinton

The engagement is announced between Gerard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P.S. Baker, of Welling, Kent, and Sally, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs E.G. Hinton, of Beziey, Kent.

Mr J.K. Dewhorn and Miss V.A.L. Copeland

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J.K. Dewhurst, of Wokingham, Berkshire, and Veronica, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs J.R.M. Copeland, of Hoylake, Waral.

Mr J.D.S. Fricker .

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Fricker, of Liss, Hampshire, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs.N. Clark, of Chiheroe, Lancashire.

Mr J.C.H. Price and Miss R.L. Hudson

The engagement is announced between Justin, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Price, of Langshott, Horley, Surrey, and Emma, only daughter of Mr. Richard and the late Mrs. Averil Hudger of Livestial Survey. Hudson, of Limpsfield, Surrey,

Mr J.N. Reddylough and Miss L. Nadaraja

The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth J. Reddyhough, of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, and Ingrid, eider daughter of Mr and Mrs Thiaga Nadaraja, of Ballinear, Sligo, Ireland.

Mr S.J.W. Ropner and Miss S.L. Roberts

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mis Jeremy Ropner, of Bedale, North Yorkshire, and Suzanne, North Yorkshire, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivor Roberts, of Bradford-on-Tone, Somerse

Mr D.G.R. Rose

The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Sir Christopher and Lady Rose, of Henbury, Cheshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Sinclair, of York. Mr A.V.S. Smith

and Miss S. Gwynne and Miss S. Gwynne
The engagement is announced between Alashair, son of Mr V.A.
Smith and the late Mrs Therest Smith, of Barnes, London, and Sarah, elder daughter of the late Mr E. St.J. Gwynne and of Mrs W.R. Merton and stepdaughter of Mr W.R. Merton, of Headley, Mesukury

Marriage

Mr N. Haining

The marriage took place on Sat-imlay, November 28, 1992, in the Chapel of St Faith, St Paul's Cathedral, of Nicholas Haining, only son of Mr Thomas N. Haining CMG, and Mrs Pauricia Haining, of Brechin, Angus, to Helen Quinn, only daughter of Mrs Whitred Erickson and the Mr. Minimen Encison and the late Mr. Joseph Quinn, of Runcorn, Cheskine.

A reception was held at the Apothecaries Hall. The honeymoon will be spent shroad, in the

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Keill, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1671; Marie Tussand, founder of the waxwark exhibition, Strasbourg, 1761; Alexandra, Queen Consort of King 1964; David Ben-Gurion, 1st Prime Minister of Israel 1948-53 and 1955-63, Tel-Aviv, 1973. The Royal Academy of Arts was founded, London, 1768. Edward VII. Copenhagen, 1844; Lady Astor became the first woman to take her seat in the Ernst Toller, dramatist, Samouchin, Germany, 1893. House of Commons, 1919. DEATHS: King Henry I, reigned 1100-35, Lyons-la-Föret, 1135; St Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary, Shang-ch'ua, China, 1552; St Edmand Campion, Jesuit martyr, executed, 10ndon, 1581; Sir James Ware, antiquary, Dublin, 1666; George Birkheck, physician and educator, London, 1841; Sir George Evenest, military engineer, London, 1866; Alfred Mahan, naval commander and historian, Washington, 1914; Vincent D'Indy, composer, Paris, 1931; Samuel Countand, industrialist

same Counand, moustraist and art patron, London, 1947; Sir Peter Buck, anthropologist and Magni statesman, Honohiju, 1951; John Burdon Haldane,

Bristol Society The Lord-Lieutenant of Avon, the

Chairman of Avon County Coun-cil, the Chairman of Northavon District Council and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Bristol were present at a lecture given for the society at the University of the West of England last night. The speaker was Mrs Margaret Becket, the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party. Mr St John Hartnell, the Chairman of the Society, presided. Mr Alfred Morris, the Vice Changellow of the University was both at cellor of the University was host at

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PERSONAL COLUMN

History prize

The Routledge Ancient History Prize for 1992 has been awarded to Vasily Rudich of Yale University

for his study, Political Dissidence

Under Nero: The price of dis-simulation. The book will be published by Routledge in 1993. The price is awarded annually.

1993 prize. Two copies should be

sent, to arrive by August 31, 1993.

to Richard Stoneman, Routledge

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EMILIO PUCCI

Emilio Pucci, Marchese di Barsento, Italian conturier and parliamentary deputy for Florence, 1963-72, died in Florence on November 29 aged 78. He was born in Naples on November 20. 1914.

STRANGE though it may seem for a man who became an internationally-renowned fashion name within a remarkably short time from the appearance of his first collection, Emilio Pucci almost idled his way into the fashion business. From a wealthy family, with a doctorate in political science and after a distinguished career in the Italian air force, he happened, in 1947, to be photographed in America wearing ski clothes of his own design. These were seen and taken up by Harper's Bazaar and within another year he was creating women's ski wear. Next year he opened his own shop on Capri; by 1950 he had founded the fashion house Emilio and from that point on it was simply essential for the welldressed woman to have some items by Pucci in her wardrobe.

Pucci revolutionised sports and beach wear, using strong prints and bold colours in arresting abstract patterns. He often drew inspiration for these from such sources as the devices on Italian medieval banners and shields. A collection by Pucci could put the casual observer in mind of that riot of flags waved at the palio, the breathaking horse-race which has been held annually through the streets of Siena since medieval times. Yet a Pucci collection would, at the same time, be utterly contemporary in idiom and impact. The clothes of Pucci became the visual signature of the 1950s and early 1960s and aigned shifts by him have become collectors' items. Small wonder that for many people, especially in an Eng-land dragging itself wearily away from the colour-starved immediate postwar years, his striking printed silk sports epitomised Italian

Florence was the ancestral



home of the Pucci family and, like so many of his Renaissance forebears, he was a man of catholic tastes and pursuits. He was sportsman, politician. soldier, aristocrat and artist, and a keen hunter and skier. For many years before his marriage, in 1959, to Cristina Nannina di Casabianca, a Florentine girl of ethereal, Botticelli-like beauty, he was one of Europe's most eligible

Marchese Emilio Pucci di Barsento came from one of Italy's oldest families, which was linked to the former Russian Imperial house. But he grew up with a very far from Eurocentric vision of the world and his education was cosmopolitan. After two years at Milan University from 1933 to 1935 he went to America, where he studied first at the University of Georgia and then at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, taking a degree in social sciences. His sojoum in America gave him a fluent command of English. He was later (1941) to be awarded a doctorate in political science at Florence.

In 1938 he joined the Italian air force, where during the war he served as a pilot in torpedo bombers. After being captured by the Allies he made a point of asserting his strong personality as an "unco-operative" prisoner to his captors.

His first collection of ski and sports ciothes for Harper's Bazaar laid the foundation stone of a fashion empire based in the Florentine street which bears his name, but he soon followed in the footsteps of Schiaparelli as the second Italian couturier to establish a reputation on the international stage. A shop at the Canzone del Mare in Capri was followed in 1949 by a small tailoring shop in Florence which extended abroad the "Original Emilio Sportswear" the following year. Emilio Pucci considered

that his greatest contribution to fashion was to bring women from city clothes into sports clothes. In precise terms this meant the widely-adopted scarf shirt, stretch elastic pants, the introduction of a gossamer fine silk jersey and the popularisation of bostess "palazzo" pyjamas. Above all. however, Emilio Pucci will be remembered for the explosion of colour he introduced: harmonious blends and neat patterns were replaced by vivid, contrasting colours and dramatic designs. all copiously signed with the word "Emilio".

In 1963 following the death

of the incumbent. Pucci hecame Liberal parliamentary deputy for Florence. It was characteristic of him that he regarded this as no mere sideline. He sat on the House's social security and labour committees and in 1970 caused a furore when he attempted to promote a bill in partiament to ban the Italian siesta. He felt that Italy's urban poliution problems would be much ameliorated it the workforce had to use its cars only twice, instead of four times each day, to get to and from the workplace. He claimed that retail trade, too. would be much better served it shops worked through until 5pm. One old fashion rival sneered: "The ladies who frequent my establishment don't even leave their homes before Pucci was involved in a

multitude of other business enterprises. For a time he designed an original line of ceramics and bottled a special vin rosé from his family vine yards. He opened Pucci boutiques in sports resorts and several major cities including Rome, Paris and New York He designed girdles and bathmom accessories for manufacturers in America and in 1966 he launched "Vivara", his own perfume.

In addition, having con-quered the world stage he was anxious to do something for Florence itself, where he saw native craft excellence under assault from mass-produced goods. Behind the stone walls of the Palazzo Pucci he resuscitated the production of handwoven rhinestone and bead embroidery, while in another 'factory" on the banks of the Arno silk was woven on ancient handlooms which would not have been out of place in Leonardo da Vinci's times. Emilio Pucci was a man

who enjoyed life and the exercise of his own talents. A forceful personality and a great showman he liked to compere his own fashion shows, larding his commentary with risqué anecdotes. He leaves his widow. Cristina, his son and his daughter, Laudomia, who is

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SUNNIE MANN

Sunnie Mann, the wife of the former British Beirut hostage and second world war hero, Jackie Mann, died yesterday aged 79. She was born in Weston-Super-Mare on July 19. 1913.

SUNNIE Mann's huge blue-

framed spectacles became a distinctive feature on numerous television chat shows after her former Spitfire pilot husband, Jackie, was kidnapped in May 1989 and held hostage in Lebanon until September 1991. She campaigned with determination to gain her husband's freedom and, once that goal was attained. basked in the attention paid her by journalists, diplomats and minor royalty at the whiri of cocktail parties and receptions that followed his release. She viewed this as a fitting reward for the 29 terrifying months spent waiting alone in west Beirut through some of the worst shelling in Lebanon's civil war.

In many ways, while they were devoted to each other, the Manns were not well-suited as a couple, as both freely admitted. She was out-going, he was retiring. He loved planes, she loved animals. They often fought like cat and dog and, for years in Beirut, even lived in separate - but adjoining apartments.

They had been the last British couple living in Mos-lem west Beirut. They stayed on, they said, because they hated the British climate, lacked the funds to live elsewhere abroad and considered themselves too old and insignificant to be in any danger of kidnapping. Sunnie's book Holding On, published in 1990, described the privations of her solitary life after her husband's capture as she struggled to make ends meet. A heavy smoker, she would lug heavy containers of water up five flights of stairs to their apartment in Raouche, which was often without running

water or electricity. With no word from the kidnappers until just days before Jackie's release, she never knew if she was waiting in vain. Seven months after his abduction, her dog Tara was stolen which was another



traumatic incident for a woman who was an ardent pet lover all her life.

Sunnie Mann's courage and single-mindedness was present from childhood. Born into a reasonably well-do-to family in Weston-Super-Mare, she was sent to a private girls' school, which she hated. At 16, she rebelled and ran away to London. A year later she married one of her father's closest friends, a wealthy man 22 years her senior. It was a disastrous marriage that ended after less than three years leaving her with a daughter, Jennifer. She had no more children.

During the second world war Sunnie Mann worked as a volunteer driver for the St John Ambulance Brigade, experiencing some of the worst of the London Blitz. A shrapnel wound abruptly ended this career. She loved the heady atmosphere of war-time London, counting actors like Basil Rathbone as close friends and going to pubs popular with pilots and other servicemen. In her mid-20s, she married her second husband, a Royal Marines officer called Keith McWhirter, whom she had met just three days before. Months later, he was killed in action.

Encouraged by one of the great pioneer plastic surgeons, Archie McIndoe, Sunnie Mann began helping to rehabilitate fighter pilots and bomber crews who had sustained severe burns. This was how she met a 26-year-old sergeant pilot, Jack Mann, at the Dorchester Hotel. He had suffered terrible burns when

his Spitfire landed in flames in a field in Kent. They married at Croydon registry office in 1943 but

separated by work for much of the last two years of the war. Sunnie was employed in the fur department at Harrods and lived in a large apartment in Knightsbridge where she took in lodgers.

The end of the war left them free but rudderless. Her daughter, Jennifer, was living in the country with her grandmother. Jackie used his demobilisation pay to buy a 60-foot decommissioned boat hoping to sunggle cigarettes from France into Britain. But they goes this to a first a they gave this up after a narrow escape on their first trip to Le Havre. In the summer of 1945, the Manns made their first trip to the Middle East. A year later, they moved to Beirut, where Mr Mann was offered a job with the fledgling national carrier. Middle East Airlines.

The couple loved the Lebanese capital from the beginning and they lived there for the next 45 years. During Beirut's heyday as the Paris of the Middle East in the 1950s and 1960s, they enjoyed a hectic social life and had a wide circle of friends. Sunnie Mann became the first woman in Lebanon to run a riding club. But the quality of of their lifestyle rapidly deteriorated with the first rumblings of civil war in the early 1970s. They became trapped between ever-shifting front-lines, spent days at a time in underground shelters and lived in constant fear of car-bombs. Palestinian gunmen wilfully killed several of Mann's horses. Twenty-two more died in an Israeli air raid during the 1982 invasion. which Sunnie Mann always described as being worse than the Blitz.

Following Jackie's release from captivity — he had been the eldest of the Western hostages held by pro-tranian kidnappers in Beint - and his spell of recuperation in England, the couple settled in Cyprus. He was at her bedside for much of the two weeks she was in hospital before she

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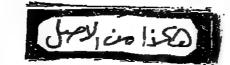
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Lamont faces audit enquiry

■ Pressure on Norman Lamont increased as a National Audit Office investigation was announced into the use of public funds to pay part of the legal fees incurred by the Chancellor in the eviction of an unwanted tenant.

As Mr Lamont tried to restore his battered authority it emerged that that Sir John Bourn, the comptroller and auditor general, is to examine the £4,700 payment from the Treasury to Mr Lamont's solicitors.

Britain doubles Bosnia refugee intake

Britain is to double its intake of Bosnian refugees by accepting a further 3,400 for settlement from the former Yugoslavia. The Government announced that 1,000 asylum seekers and up to three family members each will be allowed

Fishermen lost

Three fisherman were lost during driving wind and rain off Padstow, north Cornwall. A slow-moving front has brought the wettest November to the South West for more than 30 years causing flooding in several areas of south and west .. Page 3

High cost Labour

The highest council tax bills are all likely to be in Labour-controlled authorities, with average bills of more than £650 per household, according to the first nationwide estimate of the new Page 4

Expulsion penalty

State schools may face financial penalties if they exclude too many pupils, ministers said in a consultation document intended to prevent the creation of an underclass of teenagers receiving little formal education Page 5

Uneven pay limit

The government's 1.5 per cent pay limit will not apply evenly to all public-sector employees, according to a confidential Treasury document Page 8

Chinese pressure

Peking tried to turn Hong Kong's nervous business community against the democractic reforms of Chris Patten, the governor, by saying it would not honour any contracts, leases or agreements signed in Hong Kong before 1997 without Chi-

Arson charge

The German state prosecutor's office is to charge a 19-year-old right wing extremist living in the same village where an arson attack last Monday killed three Turkish immigrants Page 12

Iran buys subs

Iran has bought three dieselpowered Kilo class submarines from Russia, Rear Admiral Abbas Mohtaj, the country's navy commander, said. But he gave no hint of when the boats would all be in service .. Page 13

Maastricht rebellion

Tory Euro-rebels said that they would fight against moves to block a referendum amendment to the Maastricht treaty bill, which returns to the Commons today for what is expected to prove a stormy committee stage. Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, told M.Ps that he would take a tough line Page 10

TV sex guide

Carlton Television, which takes over ITV broadcasting from Thames in London at midnight on New Year's eve, is planning The Good Sex Guide, a sevenpart series described as adult education

Maxwell sale

The sale in London next month of more than 600 lots of the contents of Headington Hall, Robert Maxwell's rented Oxforshire home, should fetch more than £300,000 for Max-.....Page 11 well's receivers ...

Harley Street doctor jalled for rape

■ Thomas Courtney, a Harley Street gynaecologist, was jailed for seven years for raping or indecently assaulting four women visiting his surgery. The judge told him: "There can be no doubt your conviction at this court means the end of your career and a career which I am prepared to accept has

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Water everywhere: Bob Handford, a water board employee, carries his son Thomas through floods at Chew Stake near Bristol. Page 3

Property crisis: Receivers have been called into Rosehaugh, the property group that owns 50 per cent of Rosehaugh Stanhope Developments which built the Broadgate and Ludgate developments in London Page 21

Green shoots: The Bank of England provided cautious evidence that the consumer may at last be starting to stir. Provisional figures for the narrow money supply, which tends to be a good guide to consumer demand, showed its fastest growth for any month this .Page 21

Markets: Shares reached another closing record in London, with the FT-SE rising 18.7 to 2778.8. The pound was almost unchanged with the Bank of England trade-weighted index rising 0.1 to close at 78.5. Sterling rose 0.47 cents to close at \$1.5152 but slipped 0.23 pfennigs to DM2.4163. Page 21

Secret replay: The Football Association ordered Peterborough United to replay their FA Cup first round tie with non-league Kingstonian behind closed doors. Peterborough beat Kingstonian 9l in a replay but the Diadora League side lost their goalkeeper when he was struck on the head by

Rugby league: A blueprint for the future of the game proposes a return to a discarded past, with the scrapping of three divisions after only two seasons and a return to two leagues from next yearPage 36 | Page 11

Body detectives: When disaster strikes, Philip Lewis and his team are first on the scene to identify the dead, and help the living. Page 14 Light house: Treatment of Alzheimer's disease takes a step forward with the opening of a home for patients at an advanced stage of the . Page 14

Bottom line: The 1.5 million people in Britain who suffer from osteoarthritis of the knee, could be Page 14

Staring at big brother: The public scrutiny of government agencies will bring benefits to us all, says Edward Fennell. Page 28

Top of the Christmas pops: Freddie Mercury is favourite but do not discount Rod Stewart, Cliff Richard or the World Wrestling Federa-_, Page 29 tion Superstars Cathedral crown: A 18ft by 9ft cor-

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thor Brad Fraser...... Page 30 Brief encounter: Japanese director Yukio Ninagawa, interviewed on his production of The Tempest at Page 31 the Barbican.

the Queen's former press secretary, writes. Detrimental media cover-

age of the Royal Family, their doings and undoings, is nothing new, and the goings on of various Princes of Wales in this century, right down to the events leading to the abdication, have been all too well reventilated recently" Page 15

Uniting hero: When Alan Clark. made his admission about advising Matrix Churchill to be "economical with the actualité", Kevin Robinson the accused managing director solicitor, had already noted half a dozen points at which the case had collapsed Page 35

WOODROW WYATT

We are in George Orwell's 1984 where Big Brother is watching you". Big Brother today being an amalgam of those with power over large sections of the press and broadcasting, who manipulate opinion through their "Thought Police", then claim this represents the spontaneous feelings of the public. This is the antithesis of a free press and democracy. Page 16

JANET DALEY Where do the interests of the public office end and those of the private

man begin? If government itself is a kind of self-protective fortress, with automatic mechanisms for counteracting any attack, then aren't the particular politicians who inhabit it bound to benefit in an unwholesome way? Page 16 LYNNE TRUSS

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Readers look askance at payment of legal expenses by the Treasury and the Conservative partyPage 17

The ANC criticises De Klerk for anti rating the outcome of pending bilateral talks and for not agreeing to its demand for elections before the end of 1993. Its strictures must not be allowed to obscure a vital point the differences between the two sides are narrow-- The Star, Johannesburg



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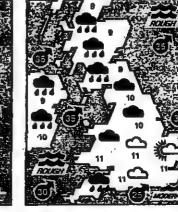
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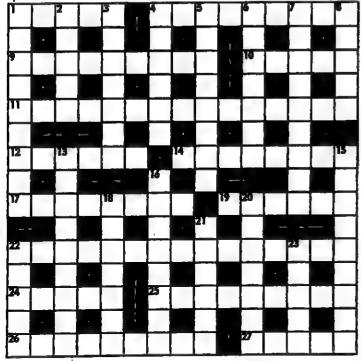
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- 4 Rock explorer, talking nonsense
- 9 Landing place in London of foreign prior (9). 10 One has an endless task finding fluid in Mars, for instance (5).
 11 Poor case, further impaired by
- 12 Little Henry in the river has become breathless (6). 14 Recruit, first to train in a back-
- ward town in Egypt (8). 17 Flowers nearly all grow quantities (3-5). 19 State with a posh carriage (6).
- 22 Shoots friend with gun when moving to take up a new position
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- 25 Soldier regained regiment in confusion (9).
- 26 Agreement to put new piping in
- garment (9).

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- Cover foundation with extension (9). 2 Remove obstruction to urban
- renewal (5). 3 Accommodation in York, say, for a navy flyer (4-3).
- Determined to be abrasive (6).
- Gladstone, for example, report-edly consumed this in France (8). 6 Turf in chaos after end of race incident (7).
- 7 One taken in by popular lady's man was left (9). 8 Stuff found in Hamburg or
- Geneva (5). 13 Worried how to describe a broomstick perhaps [9].
- 15 Fall under cycle during circular tour (5,4).
- 16 Peg. born last, matured between thirteen and nineteen (8). 18 Stirring oration in Canada (7).
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Kingstonian granted Cup reprieve

FA decides that Peterborough must replay tie

THE Football Association yesterday ordered Peterborough United to replay their FA Cup first-round tie with non-League Kingstonian. The match will be behind closed doors at London Road on Friday afternoon.

Peterborough, of the Barclays League first division, beat Kingstonian 9-1 at home in a replay last Wednesday night, but the Diadora League side lost Adrian Blake, their goalkeeper, early in the second half when he was struck on the head by a missile—ambably a head by a missile — probably a 50 pence coin — thrown from the crowd. Blake spent the night in hospital suffering from concussion, Kingstonian protested to the FA and the result was an enquiry held at Peterborough's London Road ground yesterday by members of the Challenge Cup

After three hours of deliber-After three hours of deliberation, the three-man commission — consisting of Terry Annable (Nottinghamshire), Percy Rushton (Worcestershire) and Ray Berridge (Bedfordshire) and chaired by Adrian Titcombe, the FA's head of competitions and respectively. head of competitions and reg-ulations — decreed the match

must be staged again.
In so doing, they took the middle option. The others

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1 Building block (6)

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9 Giving counsel (8)

10 Clashing (2,4)

17 Irritable (6)

21 Summit (4)

22 Curving (6)

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Not wishing to disappoint the

crowd. White broke through

in fine style. How?

Solution on page 36

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By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

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By PHILIP HOWARD

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were to fine Peterborough or eliminate them from the competition. The winners on Friday, when the kick-off is at 2pm, will travel to Plymouth

Argyle for a second-round tie.
The decision follows a precedent set in 1985 when Leicester City were ordered to replay against Burton Albion behind closed doors at Coventry after the non-League side's goalkeeper was similarly struck by a missile. The Burton goalkeeper was hit with the score at 1-1 and his side went on to lose 6-1 before being beaten again in the replay, but Kingstonian were 3-0 down when Blake was felled in the fiftieth minute.

After studying video evi-dence and hearing from local police officers and Kingstonian representatives, Titrombe said: "There is no doubt that the incident significantly influ-enced the final score. It is very serious when any player has to leave the pitch because of crowd trouble."

Blake, who still has a lump on his head, attended the enquiry. "It hurt," he said. "I can only remember being whacked on the back of the head and I still feel sick and my legs are shaky. But if the doctor okays it. I hope to play on Friday.

It was the second time in the match that Blake was struck. The first missile hit him on the back and police found seven coins on the pitch afterwards. They have questioned a man about the incident and he has been released on bail pending further investigations.

Philip Sagar, a Peterborough director, said: "This club

is guited that one person — I will not call him a fan — can cause such distress and extra effort on the part of both clubs. We are particularly angry because of our previously ex-cellent public order record." Sagar estimated that the cost of staging the replay will be between £3,000 and £4,000 an outlay Peterborough, who must also foot the bill for the

enquiry, can ill afford. Barry Chauveau, the Kingstonian chairman, said:
"We do not have any crowd trouble and ideally I would have liked to play again in front of our supporters."

Chris Kelly, the Kingstonian manager, said:
"I don't know how I'll be able to get a team together Already.

to get a team together. Already three players have told me they will have trouble getting the day off. They should have given the game to Peterborough. They would not have got nine had our goalkeeper stayed on, but the score might not have been far short."

Last night's replay between Salisbury and Marlow was called off because of a water-

Vocal Graham, page 38

Field for finals ıncreasea

BY STUART JONES

THE European football championship finals, to be staged in England in 1996. are to be the biggest in history. An executive committee meeting of Uefa, the sport's European governing body, in Istanbul yesterday agreed that the field should be doubled in size to 16 nations.

The finalists are to be divided into four groups, with the top two teams from each going through to the quarter-finals. As the hosts, England qualify automatically and, in another departure from tradition, so will the holders, Denmark, who will thus claim a unique

double. 14 Malicious (8) They did not qualify for the tournament in Sweden last 18 Small horse (4) 20 Tier (3) summer but were belatedly 21 Stabilize (3) invited to take the place of wartorn Yugoslavia. In spite of the ACROSS: 1 Characterised 8 Nitre 9 Editors 10 Lee minimum of preparation they 11 Repro 12 Deadpan 14 Voyage 16 Impale 20 Nuclear 23 Noose 24 ETA 25 Imparis 26 Grant 27 Neighbourhood

won their group, which included England, and beat Germany in the final. As well as the Danes, four English clubs are sure to benefit from Uefa's change of WINNING MOVE heart. The break-up of Yugoslavia and of the Soviet Union persuaded it to reverse its original decision, made in March. The Football Associ-

> will now reopen them. Three of the eight required arenas have already been chosen. They include Wembley, where the final and perhaps both semi-finals will be held, Old Trafford and Villa Park. Elland Road, the home of Leeds United, is also almost

ation, which had reluctantly

closed files on possible venues.

certain to be selected. The cases for Goodison Park and Nottingham's City Ground are also strong. The other candidates are, in the south, Highbury and Selhurst Park and, in the north, either Hillsborough, Bramall Lane, St James' Park or Sunder-

land's new ground. The FA would prefer to maintain a wide geographical spread. Apart from London, the plan is to have no more than one venue in each city. The enlargement is welcomed because it will involve more communities, offer more supporters the opportunity to watch live international football, and provide better commercial benefits.



Mended wing: Audley Lumsden relaxes yesterday after being named for Oxford in the university match

Lumsden achieves his goal

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TWO full houses at Twickenham this season have already featured Australians, South Africans, the odd New Zealander and a Canadian. The next one, when Oxford play Cambridge in the 111th university rugby union match next Tuesday, will run through the same gamut in one afternoon, such is the diversity of the two

Amid them all will be Audley Lumsden, once one of Bath's leading lights, an Eng-land B full back and destined for the game's highest honours until a serious neck injury place at Oxford and looked certain of a blue last year before he damaged an anide playing in the Dubai sevens.

Now, at 25, Lumsden has made it to Twickenham: be was named on Oxford's right wing yesterday. He has been by no means a regular in dark blue this term, but his known

with six, though they have moved Max Duthie, a lock last year, to blind-side flanker alongside Eric Peters, the capathletic gifts have earned him the place ahead of the unlucky David Currie, who must be content with a place among tain. The persevering Rory the replacements

Oxford will take the field with five blues; Cambridge, holders of the Bowring Bowl,

Jenkins, in his fourth year, makes up the Light Blue back row, and Alexis Read, whose

St Edmund'st, G.R.D. Balakane (Epinoth College and Downing); "M.L. Prica. Aberdare CS and St Edmund'st, "M.W. de Maid (Lady Mary HS, Carolf and Hughes Hall); D.R. Pernett (Passe and Jesus), A.J.G. Read (RGS High Wycombe and Hughes Hall), P.G. Callow (Delcharm and Rizwilliams), "M. B. Duthie (Bedavell SC, Bristol and Ouserin"), D.J. Blickle (Nower Hit. High and Hughes Hell), "D.P.A. Ditr. (Shore, Sydney and Hughes Hall), R.H.J. Jernsteins (Dundle and Downing), "E.W. Peters (Brethwood and Hughes Hall, capi), Reptersyments: to be named.

mobility and distribution was

so impressive against Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV last week, Steele-Bodger's XV last week, remains at hooker.

Apart from the wing position, Oxford's main query was at tight-head prop. The place has gone to Andy Williams, who played at Twickenham in 1988 and now returns on a post-graduate course. He plays ahead of Andy McConville, the Australian who damaged a rib at just the wrong time of term and has been struggling for timess.

Not that Oxford are short of a cosmopolitan look their players are drawn from South

players are drawn from South Africa, Australia, New Zea land, Canada, Ireland and

Cambridge content themselves with two natives of Brishane and their usual scattering of Weishmen, of whom Lloyd Davies moves from centre, where he played against Oxford last year, to full

Gower is * picked for Sky's team

DAVID Gower learned yester-day that he will, after all, have a part to play on England's cricket tour of India in the new year. Gower's role, however, will be restricted to commentating for Sky Sports, which is to screen all the international matches live and in full.

Gower, whose omission from the England party caused such a furore that some MCC members are still militating for a special general meeting, is in Australia as part of the Channel 9 commentary team on the Test series between Australia and West

When that ends, however, he will fly to India and join two more of Test cricker's leading run scorers. Geoffrey Boycott and Sumil Gavaskar, in a Sky Sports presentation fronted by Charles Colville. All three Test matches, plus the six one day internationals; will be shown hall-lw-hall, a total be shown ball-by-ball, a total of 150 hours of live coverage from January 16. Sky's public relations office

was last night unwilling to divulge financial details, concerning either the figure paid to Mark McCormack's Trans World International group for the rights to the series, or the fees which will be paid to the commentary team. What can be said is that Gower will not now be suffering financially through his non-selection.

Gower was in a similar position three years ago. He had lost the England captaincy to Graham Gooch and was not chosen for the tour to West not chosen for the tour to West Indies. Instead, he went as part of the Sky team which televised an England overseas series for the first time. Because of injuries to the touring party, Gower did end up playing in one tour game and came close to taking part in the final Test.

This will be the first time.

This will be the first time that a Test series in the Asian subcontinent has been televised in full.

Sky is still negotiating with the Test and County Cricket Board over covera summer's Sunday League, to be played over 50 overs with coloured clothing, and it will be favourite to win the rights to the next World Cup if England is confirmed as the vernue.

> England bid, page 36 Slow Shastri, page 36

Bryant bows out at top

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BY DAVID RHYS JONES

A LENGTHY chapter in the history of bowls came to a close yesterday when David Bryant, 61, regarded as the greatest player in the sport, announced the end of his international career. The man with the pipe, sleek,. brilliantined hair and ability to proper woods more accurately than anyone, has de-cided not to play in the England indoor trials this

However, Bryant's influ-ence will remain as he has accepted an invitation from the England selectors to become the non-playing captain. "Because I've been playing for England since 1958, I feel I have something to offer, and am looking forward to making a contribution to the team's efforts," he said yesterday.

Apart from being the one bowls player instantly recognisable by all, Bryant set the standards in the game and did most to massage its image as it entered the television age. There

were not any young players around when I took up the game, but it's different now," he said. That the average age has plummeted is due in no small measure to the influence of the modest. rose-growing, trout-fishing cothusiast from Clevedon.

Bryant was eight when he started playing with miniature bowls on the family lawn; 21 when he won his



first county title and 24 when he skipped Clevedon to the national fours title. Since then, he has won the

world singles championship three times outdoors and three times indoors, four fours gold medal, a world outdoor triple gold medal, six gold medals in the world indoor pairs chang and 26 national tifies. His international career spans

His first Commonwealth Games success was in 1962, and he remained champion until 1982, when he was not allowed to compete because he had turned professional. Bryant's man-management skip, and will serve him well as non-playing captain. But his reputation was based on his mastery of singles play. winning the England single title six times on grass and made an MBE in 1959 and a CBE in 1980.

Augusta's Games hopes subside

ane: The possibility of a golf tournament at Augusta. National as part of the centenary Olympic Games in At-lanta is increasingly looking a dead duck (David Miller writes). The tradition of racist discrimination by the club is something that the Interna-tional Olympic Committee (IOC) will not, I am assured,

attempt to bypass.

The IOC has received a letter of protest from executive officials of the Atlanta city council, following a council resolution formally objecting

Olympic venue. It is a nonhad been presented to the binding resolution as far as the Aflanta organising com-IOC. Now Payne will be criticised either way.
The council resolution has mittee (ACOG) is concerned, but there is no prospect of the IOC moving against the mood

provoked predictable hostility from Payne and, more unexof the host city council.
Whether ACOG can rescue pectedly, from a black Augusta state senator, Charles Walker. the proposed tournament by staging it at an alternative club Both have asserted the issue is not the city council's business. a barely credible stand. Payne ins to be seen. The position is an embarrassment and has continued with his claim reversal for Billy Payne, the president of ACOG, who prethat an Olympic tournament would open up Augusta to new audiences and, for the maturely drew Augusta National into the front line by first time, a women's event. staging a press conference on the proposal before the idea

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BBC1

6.00 Cestax (39046) 6.30 Breakfast News (40305994)
9.05 Kilroy (2289468) 9.45 Rosa King, Game show (s) (8264062)
10.00 News and weather (3003468) 10.05 Playdays (r) (s) (9602401)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick (s) (48162536)
12.15 Pebble Mill, Music and conversation presented by Alan Trichmarsh (s) (6970420) 12.55 Regional News and weather (65011178)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (14642)
1.30 Neighibours. (Ceefax) (s) (21452536) 1.50 Going for Gold General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is the irrepressible Henry Kelly (s) (21456352)
2.15 Film: Lisbon (1956) staring and directed by Ray Milland. A tale of international intriduce about a former US Navy captam-turned-

and directed by Hay Milland. A tase of international intrigue about a former US Navy captain-turned-smuggler who is hired to rescue an American ardustnalist from behind the Iron Curtain. (912449)

3.50 Harum Scarium. Stories from children's picture books (s) (6243333) 4.00 Funnylones. Cartoon (s) (7599245) 4.05 Spacewets. Science fiction comedy (2489420) 4.20 The Chipmunics (r) (2400913) 4.35 Artitax. News from the world of design (f) (6295) (e) (5006701).

design. (Ceelex) (s) (5205791) 5.00 Newsround (2994791) 5.10 Byker Grove. Children's drama serial

set in and around a Geordie youth club. (Ceetax) (8654517) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceetax) (s) (222739). Northern Ireland Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford (Ceefax) Weather (8)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (20). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.90 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds with the first semi-final of his

7-00 Tetty Addicts. Noel Edmonds with the first semi-first or his television trivia quiz for family teams (s) (3791)
7-30 FastEnders. (Ceetax) (s) (84)
8-00 Citizen Smith. With the Tooting Popular Front's finances at their usual low level, Wolfie willingly accepts employment from one of the area's arch villains. Staming Robert Lindsay (r). (Ceetax) (9739) 5.
8-30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. This week Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Steve Backley. Chris Woods, Catrin Nitsmark and Phill de Freitas. (Ceetax) (8246)
9-00 Nitsp. Of Clock Mease with Michael Busin (Ceetax) (8246)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

9.30 Kinsey. Drama series starring Leigh Lawson as the eponymous Midlands lawyer, in this week's story helping a city coucillor who has problems with a travellers' camp and his former wite. (Ceetax) (s) (547710). Wales: Week In Week Out 10.00 Kinsey



Poetry in motion pictures: film-maker John Ford (10.25pm)

10.25 Omnibus: John Ford.

and weather (5130)

● CHOICE: Shots of Monument Valley, his favourite location, and the strains of "Red River Valley", one of his favourite tunes, herald a welcome profile of the great American director written and presented by Lindsey Anderson. The approach is conventional, a mixture of film clips and reminiscences, but Anderson's commentary is predictably shrewd and illuminating. Ford liked to portray himself as a hard-nosed film-maker doing a job of work and gave short shrift to interviewers who tried to tackle him about art. As Anderson points out, this was largely an act. Although working in a popular form Ford was a considerable artial, with a poetic feel for the sweep of American history and a sensitivity to character and emotion. Tonight's programme covers Ford's career up to the second world war. Part two is next week. (Ceefax) (239449). Northern Ireland: Go For It 10.55 Study Ireland; Wales: 10.55

11.15 Film: She Wore A Yellow Ribbon (1949) starring John Wayne and Joanna Dru. The second in John Ford's "Cavalry Trilogy" finds Wayne as a US Cavelry captain given one last task before retiring escorting two women civilians through inclian territory to a stagecoach post. Winton C. Hoch won an Oscar for the colour cinematography. (Ceetax) (975081). Northern Ireland: Omnibus 12.05am-1.45 Film: She Wore a Yellow Robor; Wales: 11.45 Film: She Wore a Yellow Robor; Wales: 11.45 Film: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon 1.25 News and weather

12.65am Weather (5844043). Ends at 1.00
2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (20173). Ends at 2.45.
3.16 Legal Network Television Preview (59685). Ends at 3.45

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5525604) 8.15 Westminutur (5614791)
9.00 Six Scottish Burghs. Professor Andy MacMillan explores the history and architecture of Palsley (f) (20842)
9.30 Film: Storm in a Teacup (1937, blw) staming Rex Harrison and Viven Leigh. Sightly dated comedy of manners, morals and romance set in a small provincial Scottish town where an English journalist arrives to take a job on the locat paper. He unearths a cause calebre that becomes a nationwide step. Deacted by land. cause célèbre that becomes a netionwide story. Directed by lan

Dailymple and Victor Saville (4617807)

10.50 Film: I'll Be Your Sweetheart (1945, blw) staming Margaret
Lockwood and Michael Rennie. A struggling young Yorkshire
songwriter's fortunes take a lumf for the better when a glamorous

music hall star agrees to sing one of his songs. Directed by Val Guest (48173642) 12.35 The History Man. Bryan McNemey visits Norwich (r) (11835555) 12.40 Great Little Railways. Ray Gosling on the train network high in the mountains of northern Portugal (r) (1570178) 1.20 Charlie

in the mountains of northern Portugal (r) (1570178) 1.20 Chartile Chalk (r) (40643062)

1.35 Arthur Negus Enjoys: A visit to Kingstone Liele in Cyfordshire in the company of Robin Butler (r). (Ceelax) (37713284)

2.00 News and weather (89580265) 2.05 Blind Advanture. Twelve blind people leave their guide dogs behind and spend 12 days at the Ullswater Outward Bound Centre in Cumbria (r) (9956265) 2.30 See Heart Magazine for the hearing impalred (r) (s) (81)

3.00 News and weather (7081062) followed by Weatminster Live introduced by lain Macwhiter and John Cole (9446517) 3.50 News: regional news and weather (6241975)

News, regional news and weather (6241975)
4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths hosted by Paul Cola (s) (33) 4.30 Behind the Headlines with John Diamond (17) 5.00 Look Stranger: The Reindeer Man. How Laplander Mikel Ulai

reintroduced reindeer to the Scottish Highlands (r) (1197)
5.30 Film 92 with Barry Norman. An interview with Manyl Streep (r) (7)
6.00 Film: Sergeant Rutledge (1960) starting Jeffrey Hunter and Woody Strode. Court marital and colour prejudice drama, directed by John Ford, set in 1880s Arizona, about a black US cavalry sergeant wrongly accused of rape and murder (70867178). Followed by Advent Calendar. The first of 24 through-the-window looks at memorable moments from Christmases past selected from

the BBC's archives

7.45 Assignment: Nigeria — Glant on Trial. Nobel prize winning novelist Wole Soyinka asks if Nigeria's military-backed President Babangida will leap his word and hand over power to a new, democratically elected civilian government (777517)

8.30 Food and Drink. Includes two London chefs advising a round-the-

world yacht crew on how to make appetising meats from basic ingredients (s) (6888) 9.00 Quantum Leap. Science fiction adventures starring Scott Batula as a trne-trapped adentist. This week he has 24 hours to save a bordello girl from a nasty death. (Ceefax) (s) (795994)



Interrogating the police: Sir John Harvey-Jones (9.50pm)

9.50 Troubleshooter 2.

 CHOICE. Sir John Hervey-Jones takes his loud ties and bellowing laugh to Sheffield to offer his services to South Yorkshire Police. The miners' strike and the Hitlsborough tragedy left public bitterness and low morale. But a bright new chief constable, Richard Wells, has promised more open policing and greater devolution of power. He cuts little ice with Sir John, who says the force is too heavy, badly managed and tacks a coherent strategy. There is an heavy, beary managed and tecks a conterent strategy. There is an hilanous visit to a ramshackle divisional station where rain comes through the roof and detectives tap out their reports on prehistonc typewriters. "Johy latty for a major light against crime," roors Sir John, adding his favourite word: barmy. The chief constable smiles through gritted teeth and probably wishes Sir John would stick to motorcycle companies. (Ceefax) (788130)

10.30 Newsright with Peter Snow (736062)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (446197)
11.55 Behind the Headlines. A repeat of the programme shown at 4.30

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1.20mm The Big Picture (1998): Comedy about a screenward in Hollywood (507821).
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3.00, Tell Me That You Larve Met, Junie Moon (1970): Trag-comedy about people sharing a house (94821). Ends at 7.00

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6.00 TV-em (5953555) 9.25 Keynotes, Music game show hosted by Alstair Dival (6139062) 9.55 Thames News (9628449) 10.00 The Than ... The Place ... Topical discussion programme

(9275130)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (25428913)
12.10 Playbox. Early learning series (1) (6630975)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (1587468) 1.05 Themes

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(S123130) 4.40 Children's word, brains sold to the posterior (Cracle) (s) (8307888)
5.10 Blockbusters, General knowledge quiz for teenagers (9357046)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (460062)
5.55 Thames Help (f) [783791)
6.00 Home and Away (f). (Oracle) (36)
6.30 Thames News (88)
7.00 Emmertels, Speciest in the Yorkshire Deles, (Oracle) (5159)

7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Deles. (Oracle) (5159)
7.30 The Home Show. Advice on home refurbishment. With Adam

Caplin, Lina Coggin and Susy Smith (r) (72) 8.00 The BE: Master of the House. Di Burnside investigates the

murder of a respectable married married found deed in an area that is trequented by whos and homosexuals. (Oracle) (4807)

8.30 The Upper Hand. Comedy saries staming Joe McGarm, Diana Weston and Honor Blackman (s) (6642)

9.00-Boon. Last in the correctly drama series staming Michael Elphick as a Midlands private investigator. Tonight he and his partner Hanv.

a Midlands private investigator. Tonight he and his partner Hany (David Daker) decide to swap jobs to see how the other half lives (Oracle) (s) (8739)

10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (1234S) 10.30 Therees News

10.40 Alds Update '92. An examination of the proposal to make sex education in schools more explicit. (Oracle) (660130)

A scandalous bohemian Rie: Galina Brezhnev (10.50pm)

affection was quickly strained as sine opted for a scandalous bohemien life and took up with a succession of unsuitable men. Now 63, with three husbands and countless lovers behind her, the

former president's daughter presents herself to the camera. It must be said that she cuts a pathetic figure, by turns weepy and

aggressive, hooked on champagne and a million miles physically from the slim and striking woman of her youth. The language is fruity and at one point she threatens to purich the director. Her story

throws much incidental light on the corrupt and vicious power politics of her father's Soviet Union. (Oracle) (595642) 11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama series (784994) 12.40am Video View presented by Mariella Frostrup. The latest release

1.40 The Equalizer. McCall heads the call of a newly-divorced women with a history of mental problems. Starring Edward Woodward

2.40 Donahue. Phil Donahue hears from a wife who claims her husband

slept with their babysitier (8529753)
3.30 60 Minutes. News magazine from the United States (78647)
4.30 Short Story Theatre. Two drames — Death of a Gandy Dancer and The Orphans — on the theme of age and memory (35956)
5.30 ITN Morning News (57647). Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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SKY SPORTS

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SCREENSPORT

19.50 First Tuesday: Brezimey's Daughter.

OCHOICE: The children of public ligures often tend to be a disappointment to them and Galina Brezimev did not break the mould. Leonid's little girl may have been the apple of dad's eye but

(9122333)

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HADIO 5

News and uport on the hour until 7.00pm.
6.00 Dentry Bakor's Mortany Edition 9.00 Schools. See For Yourself; 8.16 First Steps in Domme 9.35 Wordplay; 9.45 Singing Together. 10.05 Time to Move 10.25 Wiggly Perk 10.30 Johanne Walter 12.30pm Writers' Westley; F.D. James pt 1.00 News Update 1.10 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1.25 STBS Wordplay; 9.46 Singing Together. 10.05 Time to Move 10.25 Wiggly Perk 10.30 Johanne Walter 12.30pm Writers' Westley; F.D. James pt 1.00 News Update 1.10 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 12.5 STBS Wordplay 6.250 A. Garrie of Two Helves 4.30 Five Aside 7.15 Professor Studies Spring Celering, by Norman Hunter (25) 7.30 Professor Plus. Cock-Cola Cup 10.10 Earshot, incl 11.00 Spott 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (60623) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (61915)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (6134517)
9.25 Film: Lioyd's of London (1936, biw) starting Tyrone Power
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11.35 Crime Does Not Pay: Dark Shadowa (1944, b/w). Psychological drama about a murderer who doesn't know why he kills (8179062).

12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (62866).

12.30 Sesame Struet. Early learning Sene. The guest is break dancer Bill livin (58176). 1.30 Take 5 (r) (53468).

2.00 Film: A Yenk At Oxford (1938, b/w) starting Robert Taylor. Energetic comedy about a brash American student who puts the backs up of his fellow students — until he proves that he is a thoroughly good chap. Directed by Jack Conwey (873826).

3.55 A Happy Occasion. Vladimir Set's amention about a pushy perent (1211438) 4.00 Family Pride (s) (71).

4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (3).

5.00 Crawaham Paints Otls. Alwyn Crawshaw paints his favourite anime! — the shire horse (6265).

5.30 Man Made for Nature. A Survival film about the flooding of Somerset's Chew Valley to make a reservoir (r) (65).

6.00 Remote Control. Comedy quiz game. (Teleteat) (s) (78).

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6.30 People First: A Cholece of Life. The series of documentaries on disabilities continues with an exploration of the emotive subjects of euthenesia and abortion. (Teletext) (2449).

8.30 The Feast of Christmas. Paul Levy with dysters and smoked salmon, Frances Bissell offers an aphrodistac and Jarmy Lo prepares a see bass, Chinese-style (4284).

News (4068371)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (423420)

1.46 A Country Practice. Drama serial (s) (422791)

2.15 Heirform presented by John Bly. The specialist guest is Sam Twining, an expert on metalware and teapots (414772)

2.45 Families. Soap linking the north of England with Australia.

prepares a see bass, Chinese-style (4284)



Used-books trade: Tony Lembrianou and Driffield (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: The Cardinal and the Corpee (267848) and

Photo Romans (446159).

● CHOICE: One of the stranger offerings in the Without Walls series weaves a quiridly enigmatic film around the used-books trade, gangsters and London's East End. A cast of pseudo-mtellectual gangstars and London's East End. A least of pastibly interesting scruffs, Tony Lambrianou, an associate of the Krey brothers, and the akin-headed book dealer who goes by the name of Driffield act out a diverting and surely tongue-in-chesk talle which suggests, among other things, that the Irish novelist Flann O'Brien whots Sexton Blake stones under a pseudonym. The utilizate point is hard to ascertain but for commoisseurs of arts documentaries it may be accertain that the circuits. Observable Partir has interested. anough that the director, Christopher Petit, has settisoned the cliches of the genre and come up with a film that is intriguing in contant and syle-catching in style. The other Without Walls fish is the last in the Proto-Romans series, about a murdar in Barcelone.

10.00 Film on Four: The Decelvers (1988) starring Pierce Brosnan and Seed Jaffrey, Drama, based on fact, about a British East India Company officer in 1825 who discovers a murderous secret society.

Directed by Nicholas Meyer. (Teletext) (s) (638159)

11.65 Brass. History aport starting Timothy West as a despotic munitions factory owner (r) (s) (957913)

12.30em Daughters of the Country: The Wake. Last in the series of Canadian dramas (13086)

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Campbell as a crime reporter who joins forces with a timiler-writer (Sebastian Shaw) to track down a London killer. Directed by Herold Huth (2018685). Ends at 2.55

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(Michael Denison and Dulce Gray)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.09 On Air, with Andrew

McGregor Including Torest (Concerts in Emilinor for four riolms); Schumann (Fün Stude im Volkston. Op 1021: Elgar (Sospin, Op 70); Vaughan Williams (Partita for double string orchestra)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Andrew Schumann at Dresden. Der Schundt, Op 145 No 1 (Stutigant Chamber Choir under Frieder Bernius). introduction and Allegro appassionatio in G. Op 92 (English CO under Benjamin Britten, with Sviatoslav Richter, plano), Genoveva, Overture and Act 2 (Berlin Radio Chorus, Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur)

10.00 The Voice of Love. Sibelius (Rakastava, The Lover: Finnish Radio Symphony Chor under (Ikka Kuusisto), Nicholas Maw (Soneta for strings and two froms: Stephen Strling and Mark Payne; Opus 20 under Scott Stroman), Strauss (An den Baum Daphne; BBC den Baum Daphne: BBC Singers; Boys of King's Coflege Choir, Cambridge, under John Poole); Roger Steptoe (Two Miniatures); Opus 20 under Scott Stromen); Vaughan Williams (Valiant-for-Truth: BBC Northern Singers under Stephen Williamson). Maxwell Davies (Trumpet Concerto: Håkan Hårdenberger; BBC Philitermonic under Egar Howarth); Nielsen (Mofet, Affictus surn, Op 55 No 1: Densin National Radio Chamber Choir under Stetan parlamen); John McCabe (Concertaire Variations on a theme of Nicholas Maxv. Opus

theme of Nicholas Maw. Opus 20 under Scott Stroman) 12.00 Bach from Litrecht (f) 1.00pm News 1.05 BBC
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Philharmonic in Bordestor under Andras Liget performs Brahms (Variations on a theme by Haydn), Tchaitovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in 8 flat minor: Lazar Berman); Dvořák. (Symphony No 8 in G)

2.50 (Brotemo Frescobeld! Robert Wooley, harpschord, plays Toccata 9 — 1637, Book 2; Capriccio sopra f'ana di Ruggiero, Canzon 8, La Seconti: Carron 8, La Vincenti. onic in Bordeau Ruggiero, Canzon 6, La Pesenti; Carrzon 8, La Vincent,

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Partite sopra l'aria della Romanesca; Toccata 1 — 1637, Book 2 3-30 A Century of Brass and Wind: Britannia Building

Wind: Britannia Building
Society Band under Howard
Snell and the Guildhail School
of Music Symphonic Wind
Ensemble under Peter Gane
perform Percy Flatcher (An
Epic Symphony); Tippett
(Festival Brass with Blues):
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Haberleras), Philip Wilby
(Pagarim Variations)

4.30 Mysteries of the Hammont
in the third of lour
programmes, Ben Walson
evanines, the work of the
organist Shirley Scott

organist Shrley Scott In Tune: Anthony Burton in conversation with the conductor Harry Christophers
7.30 Pebble Mill: Live from Studio
One, Birmingham, Finci Debble Mili Live from Studio One, Birmingham, Find Singers, under Paul Spicer, with Philippa Davies, flute, perform Howells (Before me careless lying; In Youth is Pleasure), David Matthews (The Ship of Death); Paul Fleade (Aspects of a Landscape), Warlock (As dew in Aprylle, The full heen; A Comish Christmas Carol) 8,20 Gurnar Pettersson discusses with some courairies lay down

Gurnar Pettersson discusses why some countries lay down the law when it comes to naming names, 8.40 Brahms (Three Motets, Op 109), Takemitsu (Voice), Poulenc (Quatre motets pour le temps de Noel): Bozza (Image) Casken (The Land of Spices). Bax (I sing of a Maiden) 9.30 The Translatiors Adam Czemiewski talks to Michael Hamburger about German

9.50 Finding the Key: Alexander
Goehr at 60 in the last
programme of the senes,
Oliver Knussen conducts a
performance of the
corrupose's work Sing, Anal, to
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10.45 Night Waves. Robert Hewison on the cultural according

11.30 Rameau's Orchestra:
Orchestra of the 18th Century under Frans Brüggen performs Suite. Dardanus; Suite, Les Boriesdes 12.30sm Niem

1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland, as Radio 5 at 9am)

2.30-3.10 Night School Extra stars Christian Rodske as Amold, who becomes a police suspect when his two wives die in quick succession (s)

RADIO 4

(a) Stereo on FMi
5.55ath Shopping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing Incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day with
Alison Bogle 6.30 Today, incl
6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30
News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45
Thought for the Day with
Indaryt Singh 8.40 Yesterday
in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News

9.05 Call Nick Ross. 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am 10.00-10.30 News; Sue Limb in Ozleworth (FM only): The writer visits the beautiful valley in Gloucestershire

16.00 Daily Service (LW only) 16.15 Paradise Lost (LW only). John Milton's poem (20/41) 10.30 Woman's Hour meets the actress Mana Attien, discusses how different actions and to disability. cultures react to disability, and examines the fashion for jungle prints Incl 17,00 News 11.30 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts
12.00 You and Yours, mit John

12.25pm The Friend in the Corner

CHOICE: Brilliantly edited,
and not senously damaged by
Daptine Ovenford's himorous narration the first of six dips into the SBC radio arctimes and any sec reary actives concentrates on the year 1936. This was the time of Sunday grandphone rectals of "uplitting works", eprogues that urged temperance. sobriety and chastity, reporters at national disasters such as the Crystal Palace fire quickly the Cristal Palace are quickly running out of anything to say. Edward Vill's renunciation of the throne, and the president of the Dancing senate making "a very rude gesture indeed" at the international press (s) the 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One :arth 1.00 The wome at one and James Naughtes
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10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s) 10.05 A Book at Deciliers McSorley's Wonderful Saloon. Eli Wallach reads stones from Joseph Milchell's classic collection of New Yorker articles. Tonight, the second of a two-part portrail of New York's oldest saloon (s) 11.00 The Radio Programme: Laure Taylor finds out how lifes use their radios to escape from prison (f) 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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Derby hope to ease pressure in replay

Arsenal manager blames forwards for recent decline

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PRESSURE is an oft-used, often misused word in football, but it can rarely have applied to a game as aptly as it does to the Coca-Cola Cup third-round replay at Highbury tonight. Arsenal and Derby County have fallen that a bread-and-butter tie in the country's second cup com-petition has assumed enorhis players. mous importance to both

For Arsenal, championship bevourites and until recently the Premier League's in-form team, confidence has suddenly taken a battering. Six consecupowerful challenge for the title; subsequent defeats by Leeds United and Manchester United, both deserved, have

Keegan's move for

Hughes rejected

undermined that challenge. Derby's disappointments are even greater. An investment of more than £10 million

terday rejected an approach

Hughes, from Newcastle Uni-

ted. Kevin Keegan, manager of the first-division leaders,

was prompted to renew his

interest after Alex Ferguson signed Eric Cantona from

The former Tottenham

Hotspur defender, Paul Miller, has confirmed he is

involved in a consortium bid-

ding to buy out the controver-

sial Barnet chairman, Stan

Flashman, for a reported El-

Doctor Khumalo, a mid-

field player with the South

Africa champions, Kaizer

Chiefs, will join Aston Villa on

December 20 after impressing

during a five-day trial.

Leeds United last week.

bitious benefactor, Lionel Pickering, has shown no signs of any return and, instead of blazing the trail at the top of the first division. Derby are in mid-table. A 2-1 defeat at home to Tranmere Rovers at the weekend did nothing to ease the pressure on Arthur Cox, the club's manager, or

George Graham, Cox's opposite number at Arsenal, has no doubt where the blame lies for his team's recent failures. The forwards have let their standards slip." he said yesterday. "We've got to get back to what we were doing before when we had a ten-match unbeaten run.

"The last two performances have been very uncharacteristic of us. We have players of world-class quality like Ian Wright, Anders Limpar and Paul Merson, but they know they have to keep putting in the work-rate."

Crystal Palace cannot be looking forward to their visit to Antield for their second meeting with Liverpool in four days. The memory of the 5-0 drubbing they suffered on Saturday is still fresh, while speculation concerning the future of Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, is growing. The dub's chairman, Ron Vauxhall Conference leaders, have been drawn at Noades, yesterday dismissed rumours that Coppell is to join Sunderland, but he did conhome to Cheltenham Town in the first round of the Vauxhall

rounding the tie, Cox has taken his team to a secret

retreat to prepare. In his absence, Pickering pointed to

a chronic lack of form at home for Derby's demise — they have suffered six defeats in eight home league matches.

The irony of spending £10

find yourself worse off than

when you started, is certainly

not lost on me," Pickering admitted, " but if you read it in

the Rover or Wizard, you

wouldn't believe it. The idea of

winning away and losing at

home, as we've been doing, is

Derby, surely relieved that the replay is at Highbury, are

likely to be without Darren

Wassall, the central defender,

who missed the Tranmere

game, while John Jensen, the

midfield player injured against Manchester United,

hould return for Arsenal.

ton fantastic to contemplate."

had made an approach.
Liverpool, though, are guarding against complacency. Their manager, Graeme Souness, said: "It would be silly of people to suggest that we will walk away with this tie simply because we defeated the same opposition by five goals in our previous fixture. It may well be a cliché, but I have to say that this game will not go the same way as the last one; it will be completely different." With Ronnie Ro-

firm that the first-division club



49ers clinch place in play-offs

THE San Francisco 49ers led them 62 yards, finishing blummed a late drive by the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday to preserve a 20-14 home victory, enabling them to become the first team to take a National Football League play-off position (Robert

Philadelphia, hoping to win a play-off wild card, trailed 20-7 in the fourth quarter hefore Randall Cunningham

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BOXING

CHENOVE, France: European light-mid-dewelght championship: Laurent Boudouen (Fr) to Jean-Claude Fontane (Fr), 3rd mid.

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with an 11-yard touchdown pass to Keith Byars with nine minutes to play.

ing, the Eagles regained possession on their 47 and earned three first downs, moving to the San Francisco 20-yard line with less than two minutes left. Tim Harris sacked Cunningham on a third-down play, putting Philadelphia in a

fourth-and-15 situation. Cunningham passed to Calvin Williams, who was tackled near the ten-yard line. The Eagles thought they had a first down, but measurement rewealed they were an inch short.

Jerry Rice, in his eighth

season, caught his hundredth scoring pass in the first quarter. Steve Young's 22-yarder allowed him to equal the record set by Steve Largent, formerly of Seattle. Rice caught eight passes for 133 yards. Young also lobbed a 43vard touchdown pass to Dexter Carter and completed 24 of 35 for 342 yards.

The Dallas Cowboys and the Minnesota Vikings did not clinch play-off positions because the Green Bay Packers beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 19-14. The New England Patriots, Phoenix Cardinals and Seattle Scahawks have been eliminated from play-off contention.

The Buffalo Bills were the only division leaders to lose on Sunday, 16-13 in overtime against the Indianapolis Colts, Dean Biasucci's third field goal of the game, a 40yarder, was decisive. He had forced extra time by kicking a 23-yarder with a minute left. RUGBY UNION

Dwyer admits to deficiencies revealed by tour

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AUSTRALIA'S travelling circus finally broke camp at the weekend, exiting in all directions: some down under, some on holiday, some — wonder of wonders — to play on in Italy and France. They leave a. British public which has enjoyed their company hugely. as it did a year ago after the World Cup.
The tour of Ireland and

Wales was harder than anticipated: injuries, which forced Australia to use 36 players in 13 matches, saw to that. So did the weather and a succession of sides which, in the words of David Campese, "came out and played at 200 miles per hour and really tried to stick it to us".

That is the penalty of being World Cup holders, and Australia coped when it mattered most, but what was meant to be a year of consolidation became a year of development, during which they found their strength in depth was not quite as great as they believed.
"We have had to bring guys

in a hit earlier and, from that point of view, it has been a very good year," Bob Dwyer, their coach, said. Garrick Morgan, at lock, Dan Crowley, revitalised as a loose-head prop, David Wilson (flanker) and Peter Slattery (scrum half) were nominated by Dwyer as players who have made signif-

icant progress.

British conditions, however, have revealed shortcomings, notably at half back. "The totar exposed a number of guys to conditions foreign to them,". Dwyer said. "Interpretation in the scrums was markedly different; offside around the fringes, playing the ball on the ground, too. Guys have had to

overflowing game, they had to hard-nose it

Dwyer believes comparisons with past teams are odious game has changed so much with the new laws. His stand on the ruck/mani law, for example, is well-known, and has won the support of such diverse playing personalities as Campese and Will Carling

The Australian manage ment regret, too, that the international tour schedule does not permit more frequent contact. That may change if recent discussions between leading Australian and British administrators bear fruit, but John Breen, the manager, suggests that the four home unions should visit Australia

in rotation.

The Wallabies return to the northern hemisphere next au-tumn, but to Canada and France. They would enjoy the prospect of playing in Britain again rather earlier than 1996 and, specifically, against Eng-

In all such strategies, of course, the World Cup looms large. Bob Templeton, Dwyer's vasily experienced assistant, said: The general feeling is that the World Cup should never take the place of traditional tours. If it did, rugby would lose a lot of its enjoyment." Sadly, the game has probably passed that point

Midlands have no place for Pearce

last season, have dropped Gary Pearce, England's mosttight-head, for the first defence. of their title; against London at Sudbury on Saturday (David Hands writes).

Garforth and his two yours ger ciub colleagues, Graham Rowntree and Richard Cockerill, have been a significant part, of an aggressive Leicester tight five this season. and it may not be long before they, too, are knocking on the playing door rather than act- Simon Morris, Gloucester

ing as replacements. London will be without Will Carling, England's captain, who will be in the Far East, and Peter Winterbottom, wiso is cutting back on his playing commitments before the international season begins. Chris

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THE Midlands, who won the Oti, the Waspe wing, is injured ADT divisional championship which allows London to field three goal-kickers from the same club, Steve Pilgrim joincapped prop. in favour of sting Alan Staza and the divi-Dance Garforth, the Leicester a signal captain. Rob Andrew.

> the North at Leeds; have preferred John Hall to Mike Teague in their back row. Tengue made a dramatic return to international rugby against South Africa last month but Hall's more gradual ascent in Bath's colours ha

won him the place. They have preferred to play two footballers on the wing in centre, and Nick Beal, who has played full back and stand-off half for Northamp ton. He now makes his divi sional debut alongside Chri Clarke, the promising proforward from Swanse University.

and P Hardings) bt Challenham (W F and T Liveton), 18-7, 15-4, 15-6, 15-0.

EMPLAKE COLLEGE: Parp

Indoor characterships: Men: Open: Siejcowid (Hansa Dorbnund), 7min 2 2, G Seate (Mc(essy), 7:33; 3, B Hunt-

Treasury releases sports funds

government yesterday ed an annual acheme bout £8 million a year British sport at the ats (John Goodbody

he government, which has pledged about £3.8 million annually for the next three years in a scheme called Sports Match, will give up to £75,000 for individual community projects, provided the same amount is secured in business sponsorship.

The pound-for-pound scheme was the only valuable

idea in the Review of Sport by Robert Atkins, the former minister for sport, but the Treasury had hesitated for almost 12 months over committing public money for

Barry McGuigan, the former world boxing champion, who attended the launch in London, said: "When I was 12 years old I had to travel home after training without having had a shower. This scheme is a great plus for kids."

Sports Match will concentrate on local non-profession-

brough a hiding on Saturday.

Birmingham City continue

to slide down the first division

but they should at least man-

age their first home draw of

the season against Brentford.

In the FA Cup second

round, go for Shrewsbury Town, riding high in the third

division to hold Burnley, do-

ing only moderately in the

With 20 non-League games

on the coupon, the pools

punters will be tested even

more than usual this week.

The biggest draw possibilities

in this section are to be found

at Bashley, Worcester, Grays

and Hayes. The games involv-

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al sport and physical recreation. It will encourage companies to extend their existing sponsorship in this area, as well as attracting firms who have not used sponsorship before as part of their promotional and advertising activities. The target groups will be the young and disabled in inner cities or

rural areas. Panels to assess applica-tions will be established by the Institute of Sports Sports orship in England, Scotland

ATHLETICS

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BOWLE

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CAPTORT: Weigh Women's Indoor Bouling Association fours championship: Semi-finals: Carolf (S Scot) bt Ogw. (B Davies), 21-13, Rathor (D Rowlands) bt Merthyr Tydill, (M Cowley), 25-15

BASKETBALL



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miles): M Ferrow (Remand Chús, Norwich), 51:30 Mercury HT (Bestell Paris, Londa, 15 miles): D Berestord Pitorton Wheelers, 1:00:70 Avon and Somerset Police CC (Downerd, Bristol, 10 miles): S Pearse (Seven RC), 49:12 Louth Spin RDC (Hubbard's Hill Ferri Lands): B Merchan VC Lincotn), 1:34:18 De Montfort RC (Loughborough, 12 miles): G Cotman (Treem Reliegis), 1:10:15 Stoke AC Nessantia-under-Lyma, 18 miles): B Grown (Oldham Century RC), 59:17. Addissombe CC (Beacon Hill, nets Horsham, 14 miles): A Food (Addissombe CC), 1:2:00. New Tredinger Normads (Merthyr Tydill, 10 miles): M James (CC Abergaverny), 51:30 Destry Mercury RC (Shipkley Country Paris, 8 miles): S MicSafee (Blustiethan CC), 42:12. Prestot: Earlie RC (Oderspool) Paris, Liverpool, 12 miles): J Shackation (Shevated RT), 115:50 Earlies (Blustiethan CC), 42:12. Prestot: Earlie RC (Oderspool) Paris, Liverpool, 12 miles): T Shevens (S4 Normads), 1:05:30.

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POOLS FORECAST

ARSENAL'S confidence has been shaken by two consecutive Premier League defeats. so their visit to The Dell looks trickier than it would have done a few weeks ago. The fact that Southampton are gradually climbing the table and were boosted by victory over Nottingham Forest on Saturday will not make things any easier for Arsenal, and a draw seems the most they can hope for.

A less obvious treble chance choice is the match between Queens Park Rangers and Oldham Athletic, Rangers, although much higher than Oldham, are faltering, whereas Oldham ended a barren period by giving Middles-

THERD DIVISION

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Cool Ground clashes with Pipe trio

ALTHOUGH only four runners were declared at the fiveday stage of acceptors for Saturday's Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow, a high-class contest for the £28,000 limited threemile handicap is still assured. "Considering that we've got last year's Gold Cup winner and two of the first four in the betting on next year's race, we can't be too disappointed",

said Roger Farrant, the clerk "We tried to have the race reopened, but as it was an early-closing event with 27 entries, there was nothing to

be done about it." Toby Balding confirmed that Cool Ground is a definite runner with Adrian Maguire in the saddle. Martin Pipe said that his trio of Miinnehoma, Run For Free and Bonanza Boy are also likely starters.

"Münnehoma is in great shape and has been pleasing me," said the champion trainer. "I am likely to run all three. I shall also send Valfinet and Miss Bobby Bennett to Sandown for the William Hill Hurdle."

Unfortunately, even if had been possible to reopen the race, no further runners are likely to have appeared. A quick glance down the original entries reveals that the remainder either ran last weekend, already have future engagements booked or are too far out of the handicap.

The Rehearsal Chase will certainly be a race to savour. Cool Ground has to concede 20lb to Miinnehoma, the Sun Alliance Chase winner. Run For Free, who has only

10st 11b to carry, beat last Saturday's Hennessy numberup, Jodami, at Haydock

Not surprisingly, Valfinet

money favourite with the sponsors for Sandown's feature, the William Hill Handicap Hurdle.

The French-bred horse, with a maximum of 10 stone to carry, has incurred no penalty for his easy Cheltenham win and has been raised 22lb in future handicaps.

Hill's make Jopanini, who has also shown improved form since the publication of the weights, the second favourite at 4-1. They then go 8-1 Jungle Knife 9-1 Kilcash and Easy Buck and offer 10-1

THE meeting at Leicester,

scheduled for today, was called

off yesterday. The course was

found to be waterlogged after

Lees, said yesterday: "It has

The clerk of the course, Nick

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(\$2.784: 2m 6f) (12 nmners)

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3.10 COOMES SEMIOR CITIZENS NOVICES CHASE

a stewards' inspection.

said Jimmy Fitzgerald. However, the Malton trainer said that Sybillin, such an impressive winner over fences at Ascot recently, will not take on Wonder Man, Billy Bathgate and perhaps Egypt

against One More Dream.
Only six have been declared for the Tingle Creek Handicap Chase, but Waterloo Boy

will face stiff opposition from

Uncle Ernie as he attempts to

win the two-mile handicap for

worse for his fall at Hunting-

don and is a certain runner,"

Uncle Ernie is none the

the second consecutive year.

Leicester called off been raining all day and conditions were pretty grim. We had no option but to call the meeting off." Leicester becomes the third casualty this National Hunt

handicap handle at Stratford last tires out (2m 1199d, good to soft). LEWIN 21 Std of 6 to Chelworth Raider in a bandicap hyndie at Huntagdon on passaltimate stari

a handicap chase at Hottingham last thre out (2m. good to soft)
MASTER CHIMELYY 20 3rd of 5 in Le Chia Moir in a handicap chase at Folkestone (2m 51, soft). Previ-nusty, bind Popaswood 51 in a 6-numer handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft), with SERIOLATA (200 better off) cated-off 4th, Selection: MASTER COMEDY

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FORM FOCUS

2.40 WALLY COOMES HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,269: 2m 2f) (6 runners)

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| 312411- COOLE DOUGER 225 (F.G.S) (Mr.9 Szarle) G Ham 7-10-10 B Powell |
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| Long handicap: Greenblis Pride 9-13 Master Comedy 9-0. Seriode 8-10.

BETTING: 11-10 Cools Dodger, 3-1 Wide Boy, 5-1 Swiss A Buck, 6-1 Greenhills Price, 16-1 Master Correcty,

1991: WIDE BOY 9-10-13 Pales Hobbs (5-4 Ge) P Hoobs 5 cm

FORM FOCUS

1991: DOCNLOUGHAN 6-10-10 J Frost (2-1) G Balding 9 run

FORM FOCUS

2.10 COOMES HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,113: 2m 2l) (4 runners)

"We've got to give Wonder Man 7lb," said Fitzgerald. 'We wouldn't want to attempt to do this in testing condi-

On the Champion Hurdle front, Dermot Weld again warned nunters to be wary of backing Vintage Crop for the title after the easy Cesarewitch winner had taken part in a 16runner schooling hurdle at Punchestown yesterday.

"He jumped satisfactorily, but not quickly enough for the Champion", said the trainer. We've got an ambitious Flat racing programme for him next season including the Ascot Gold Cup and perhaps the Melbourne Cup.

"So we won't persevere with him over hurdles unless he looks like being good enough for the championship. He's got to sharpen up and 10-1 is a ridiculous price."



Select company: Cool Ground faces only three possible rivals in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow on Saturday

FONTWELL PARK

MANDARIN 12.40 Ask The Governor. 1.40 My Senor. 2.10 Front Page. 2.40 Wide Boy. 3.10 Quaker Bob. 3.40 Ebony Gale.

THUNDERER 12.40 Ask The Governor. 1,10 General Merchant.

.40 Alice's Mirror. 2 10 Front Page. 2.40 Wide Boy. 3.10 Red Amber 3,40 EBONY GALE (nep).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 FRONT PAGE.

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12.40 greenwich national hunt novices hurdle

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6 26335-4 ROVING SEAL 6 (8) (D Bell) W 8 M Tumer 10-10-11	
7 P4/220-4 WELCOME TIDMES 14 (Mrs R Munel) M Bollon 8-10-7 B Carford	8
BETTING: 8-4 Bill Quill, 5-2 General Marchant, 6-1 Roving Seal, 8-1 Welcorde Tidings, 20-1 others.	
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1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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In-form Front Page favoured by substantial rise in weights over three miles or more on soft ground and that is what

FRONT Page from John Akehurst's Upper Lambourn stable, looks set to win today's most valuable race, the Coomes Handicap Hurdle, at Fontwell.

The weights have gone up 9lb overnight, which will help Front Page's cause.

Until the original top weight, Easy Buck, was withdrawn yesterday, Front Page was languishing 4lb out of the handicap. Now he will be competing from his proper mark

Front Page is also unpenalised for winning a conditional jockeys' race by six lengths at Stratford last Tuesday. He was given a fine ride by Brian Clifford, who stole a march on his opponents.

With Clifford in the saddle again today, drawing his 3lb allowance, Front Page should be hard to catch carrying only 10st 2lb around the sharp Sussex course. Prior to winning at Strat-ford, he also showed that he

acts well on this type of track when winning by 15 lengths at Windsor. In the absence of Easy Buck, top weight will now be carried

Hashar. A winner on the Flat at Epsom in June, Hashar was also successful over hurdles at Kempton last season for David Elsworth. However, the task of giving 19lb to the in-

recovery from serious illness

continued apace yesterday. After a further intake of food,

the nation's favourite race-

horse was removed from in-

tensive care at Rossdale &

Partners surgical unit in

"He's been led out for a

graze and been given mash and some hay," said Jimmy Burridge, one of the joint

"He's off the drip and from

now on will be fed normally.

They will still have to keep a

close eye on everything. But

he should now be all right, as

long as he doesn't have a

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Going, good to sort (sort after 7 15 race) 12.15 (2m 6f 110)d hdls) 1, CEILDH BOY (B Storey, 2-1), 2, Knock Rank (R Hodge, 10-11; 3, Busy Boy (N Smith, 100-1) ALSO RAY-13-8 law Grange Chef (4th), 3 Royal Cupid (put, 14 Highlendman (f), 20 Mis-steine (8th), 40 Jim-Joe (5th), 100 Prompter, Wild Midhight, 10 can 101, 101, 201, 154, 22 Mrs J Goodlellow at Earlston Tote: 52.30, 51.40, 12.80, 521 50, DF, 523 00 CSF 521.83

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Newmarket

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

daunting.
Quaker Bob, beaten only half-a-length over hurdles on his last visit to Fontwell three weeks ago, is taken to go one better in the Coomes Senior Citizens Novices' Chase.

Philip Hobbs, his trainer, has always maintained that Quaker Bob's future lies over fences, provided he remains

By all accounts, he has not been the easiest of horses to train. However, his dam, Bobette, was a good chaser



Hammond: his Heliopsis

strength-sapping illness.

"It's absolutely amazing how he's raillied", said

Desert Orchid is out

of intensive care

By Michael Seely

danger."

recovery.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Shrewd John, 9 Mossie Gold (bd), 10 Buston King, Tertan Tornado (8th), 14 Kwacha (f), 20 Misty Night, 25 Double Dose (5th), 33 Gydards (bd), Repid Mover, 50 Glastondale, Dentong Street, 15 ran, 31, 81, 1st. 2, hd. J. Johnson at Crook, Tota: C770, 21,80, 25,50, 28,70 DF (winner or second with any other horse; £2,70 CSF, £44,290 Tricest, £2,834,80

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E1.80 CSF £3.88
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McKeown; 7-1), 3 Smirthy Personal (1)
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(Sh), 5 Sooring Messle, 11-2 Rose's
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less Everlagh, Tota, C. 20; C1, 50, 51, 60,
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C1 60 Dr E12-40. CSF 283-30. (A Number 20 1. ANNACURRAGH (A Number 25 2): 2. Carlowitz (B Hussell, 20 1). 3. Ciliton Chase (G Certer, 7-2) ALSO RAN: 11-8 Ray Super Summit (4th), 8 Canadian Capara (6th), 9 Juvenara, 33 Bester Shill (5th), 50 Soutan, 8 ran, 51, 71, 11, 101, 31 A Stawart & Newmarket, Tota:

Lingfield Park

confronts her son now. Another likely winner for the west country trainer is the

consistent Wide Boy in the Wally Coomes Handicap form Front Page looks

At Newcastle, the promise of more reasonable ground has persuaded Gordon Richards to run Clever Folly in the Silver Blaze Handicap Chase instead of Last O' The Bunch. Since Moment Of Truth.

Gale Again, Clay County and Southern Minstrel, his four rivals, have all been slightly disappointing of late, Clever Folly gets the vote even though his last race was in August. He has repeatedly shown that he

can give of his best when fresh. Today's nap though is Heliopsis to win the Final Problem Handicap Hurdle. Trainer Mickey Hammond has prepared this full brother to one-time Derby hope Armada by saddling him for successive victories on the Flat at Catterick and Edinburgh.

The four-year-old won over hurdles at Ayr last February. Since he is clearly in form, Heliopsis looks set to take full advantage of the weight that he receives from Seon, especially since the latter could well be feeling a bit jaded after a hard race in much better company at Newbury last Saturday.

is Newcastle fancy

breaks arm at Kelso

THE jockey David Wilkinson was taken to the Border General Hospital, Galashiels, with DESERT Orchid's dramatic ness of body and spirit have never been more vividly illustrated than during his a suspected double fracture of his left arm and pelvic injuries after a three-horse pile-up in the Coursehead Novices Handicap Hurdle at Kelso Burridge. "Everyone at Newmarket is amazed how his yesterday.

Wilkinson's mount, Kwaspirit has come back, even if his body still has some way to cha, fell and brought down go. And to think it's all happened inside a week." Gydaros and Mossie Gold, as well as badly interfering with Andy Bathe, one of Desert Dancing Street. The mo's Orchid's vets, said yesterday: jockeys all escaped injury. "He is out of intensive care Chris Browniess was sus-

and he was turned out in a pended for four days, beginpaddock for the first time ning on December 9, for today.
"He is slowly returning to excessive use of the whip after gaining a dramatic neck vicnormal and is over the worst. tory on Bluff Knoll in the Mason Organisation Cham-But it is too early to say that he is completely out of

pion Chase. Brownless needed to use Desert Orchid has received maximum persuasion to drive hundreds of get-weil cards Bluff Knoll past Whaat Fettle yards from the post, but the from his supporters, includstewards were not impressed. ing one from the Queen Mother, who sent a message to Richard Burridge wishing It was the third time the jockey has been found guilty of a Desert Orchid a speedy whip misdemeanour in the last nine months.

A new sliding scale in the system of assessing golf handicaps will come into force on March 1, the effect of which will be to make it easier for average players to bring down their handicaps and harder

for good players to improve. The main change is to the buffer zone", the area of a net score in which a player's handicap is unchanged. At present, the zone is two strokes for all categories, but this is to be changed to one for handicaps up to five, two for handicaps six to 12, three for 13 to 20 and four for handicaps 21 to 28.

☐ Gary Orr returned a 64. seven under par and a tourna-ment record, to help Scotland into a six-stroke lead after the first round of the Johnnie Walker European teams' championship at La Manga, Spain, yesterday.

Leigh stay

Rugby league: Leigh have been granted a six-week stay of execution after losing a High Court battle yesterday to re-main at Hilton Park, their home for 46 years. An appeal against the decision is to be made. Eviction notices were served after the club's lease on the ground ran out in July. ☐ The Welsh prop. Mark Jones, and Alan Hunte, the St

Helens and Great Britain winger, face separate trials by video before the Rugby Foothall League in Leeds today for alleged malicious tackles.

Time for tea

Cycling: A competitor with an insatiable thirst for tea is believed to be the only timetrial rider to have been found positive this year in drug tests involving 75 riders. The unnamed rider is thought to have appealed after excess caffeine was found in his sample. Penalty for a first offence is normally two years and a second breach would mean a life ban.

☐ The International Cycling Union congress approved the merger of the two organisations representing professional (FICP) and amateur (FIAC) cyclists in Florida yesterday.

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weekend.

Gymnastics: The national women's team champions, Heathrow-Hoechst, may lose Natalia Ilienko, the former world floor exercise champion, who is at present a guest coach at the club. Her application for a work permit has been turned down by the Home Office.

Robertson retires

Squash: Chris Robertson, the world No. 4 from Brisbane, has been forced to retire because of an arthritic right hip at the age of 27.

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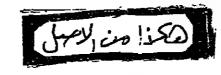
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Go-slow by Shastri hampers India's attempt at victory

IN JOHANNESBURG

HOPES that the second Test match between South Africa and India here would rekindle enthusiasm for the five-day game in this country were dashed yesterday when the final day fizzled out. India failed even to hint that they had the ambition to score the further 303 runs they needed for victory and they clearly lacked the form and technique required to do so.

South Africa scented a win momentarily when they took four wickets in 30 balls shortly after lunch before Manjrekar and Amre made certain of a draw. At no point throughout the match did the run-rate rise above 2.5 an over.

South Africa, reduced to three main bowlers by Pringle's injury, had "bowled their guts out", Wessels, their captain, said but the handicap was too much.

A crowd of 12,000, bringing the total attendance to the 80,000 mark, was remarkably patient as India reached 141 for four against defensive

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First Innings 227 (S.R.Tenduker 111, B.M.McMillen 4 for 74)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-70, 3-71, 4-78 BOWLENG Donald 20-6-43-2 (nb2), McMillan 21-6-34-0, Matthews 20-10-23-2; Cronje 18-7-32-0; Kirsten 3-1-6-0.

field placings before the game was given up with 13 overs left. McMillan, the South African all-rounder, won the man-of-the-match award for his 98 and some persevering bowling. The final two Test matches follow at Port Elizabeth and Cape Town over Christmas and new year, with eight day-night matches now taking centre stage.

From the start, India made a rod for their own backs when

World record pouched

A PAKISTANI wicketkeeper, Tahir Rashid, has broken the record for dismissals in a firstclass innings by making eight catches and a stumping in a match in Gujranwala. The previous record, of eight dismissals, was held jointly by three other wicketkeepers, Wally Grout (for Queensland in 1959-60), David East (for Essex in 1985) and Steve

Marsh (for Kent in 1991). Rashid, 31, a brother of Haroon Rashid, the Pakistan Test batsman, was playing for Habib Bank against Pakistan Automobile Corporation on Sunday.

Waqar Younis, the Pakistan fast bowler, claimed to have added some extra swing to his deliveries as he prepared yesterday for his country's opening World Series Cup match in Australia on Friday, when they play West Indies in Perth.

Kent have signed Dean Headley, the Middlesex fast bowler, on a two-year contract. ☐ Lancashire have reported a profit of almost £69,000.

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on World Cup bids BY ALAN LEE

spur in due course.

once the first-wicket pair were

separated, the Indian inten-

tions came unstuck. Jadeja, clearly under orders to break free, flashed outside the off

stump against Donald after

the lunch break and was

caught at first slip. Azharud-

din, without moving his feet,

followed an outswinger from

Matthews in the next over, and was caught behind.
Then Tendulkar was utterly

beaten by Donald's pace be-fore Matthews bowled Shastri.

Completely out of touch, Shas-

tri aimed a drive with the bat

well away from his body and

snicked the ball from an inside

edge into his stumps. He had

batted three and a quarter hours, faced 139 balls and his 23 included four fours. Azharuddin dutifully said lat-

er that Shastri had batted

These losses left India 73 for

four, hopes of a win gone and

44 overs still remaining. Manirekar and Amre gave the

South African attack no en-couragement and had put on

Donald roused the crowd

every time he was brought on

but there was little pace left in the pitch for him. Matthews,

always moving the ball a little,

looked the best bowler and

Cronje again covered well for

Pringle's absence. McMillan

bowled too many balls that did

South Africa have named

12 players for the first four

day-night matches. They have

brought in Callaghan, a hard-

hitting batsman and seam

who played for Kent in 1990,

bowler, de Villiers, the seamer

and Schultz, who is fit again.

the New Zealand captain,

said yesterday, a rest day in the first Test with Sri Lanka, that

he regretted going into the

match without a specialist

spinner. Sri Lanka resume

their first innings today 11

SCORES: New Zealand: Pirst Irmings: 288 (K.R. Rutherford 105, C.Z. Harns 88), Sri Larries: First Intenge: 299 for 4 (R. 8 Mahanama 153, P.A. de Silva 62),

runs ahead. (Reuter)

not have to be played.

68 when the game ended.

under instructions.

Shastri and Jadeja scored only 41 from 30 overs before lunch. ENGLAND will lodge their foundation but Shastri exceed-World Cup today, knowing that its success or failure may well rest on the vote of South ed his brief with four scoring strokes in two hours. Early on he pushed a two and then waited 89 minutes,

man of the International Cricket Council (ICC), returns from Johannesburg today to peruse the rival bids. Austrafacing 67 balls, before he took two fours against McMillan in successive overs. This ap-proach inevitably rubbed off on Jadeja. The sight of Azharuddin with his pads on. lia. New Zealand and West Indies are known to support England but the news that Zimbabwe will vote for the having promoted himself to No. 3, was the only indication that India intended to apply a tournament to be shared by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka As can happen, though,

Close vote

expected

leaves the outcome in doubt.
Of the nine full members of ICC, who each have two votes compared with the associate members' one, South Africa alone have not declared a hand. In years past it would have been unthinkable for them to vote against England but, since returning to Test status, South Africa's links with the Asian nations have been strong. It will now be no simple matter for South Africa to align itself with England, especially as the atmosphere between the delegates of the two countries was

hosty during the ICC annual

meeting in July.

There, the English assumption that an existing minute would be honoured, committing the World Cup venue to a rota and thus bringing the 1995 event here, was rudely shattered. The meeting accepted South Africa's argument that they were not party to such an agreement and should be free to bid themselves. Although South Africa have now withdrawn, the issue still rankles with the Test and County Cricket

Board (TCCB). The matter will be settled by a full meeting of the ICC. planned for January 26 in London, when despite worthy tor is likely to be the bottom line of guaranteed revenue.

Another matter concerning the TCCB should be resolved today by a deflection of the move to force an extraordinary general meeting of MCC to debate the exclusion of David Gower and Jack Russell from England's tour

A quorum of MCC members, headed by Mr Dennis Oliver, will meet the ciub president, Dennis Silk, at Lord's, the likeliest outcome being the adoption of a letter to the TCCB expressing dis-may. A special meeting would cost MCC about £17,000 and could achieve nothing except general embarrassment.

Ambrose strikes after defiance from Boon

Brisbane: Australia are still in danger of defeat in the first Test against the West Indies here, despite a century by David Boon, his fourteenth for his country. At the close of the fourth day, Australia, at 266 for six, led by 188.

Boon seemed to have steered Australia to safety by staying five hours and 45 minutes for 111 before Ambrose swung the game by taking three wickets in 11 balls. He had Mark Waugh caught for 60 and won legbefore decisions against Martyn and Matthews.

The Australia captain, Allan Border, who has a hamstring injury, and the wicketkeener. Healy, stayed together until the close and much will depend on them this morning. West Indies might have got on top sooner had not Hooper offered by Boon when he was

Mark Waugh added 110 in even time for the third wicket before Boon fell to Bishop. (Reuter)

WEST INDES: And Immings 371 (K L T Arthunon 157 not out, B C Lara SS; B A Reid 5 for 112) Umpires: T Prue and S Randell.

Boon, who hit 13 fours, and

AUSTRALIA: First trinings 293 (A R Border 73, D C Boon 48, C L Hooper 4 for 75)

THERE appear to be two

Total (6 wids) 266 M G Hughes, C J McDermott and 3 A Reid to bet, FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-114, 3-224, 4-250, 5-255, 6-255 BOWLING: Ambrose 23-7-46-4: Bishop 20-5-43-1; Waish 21-3-57-1; Hooper 28-8-63-0; Patterson 7-0-44-0: Simmons 1-0-5-0; K Arthurton 1-0-2-0.



White closes on his dream

BY PHIL YATES

JIMMY White firmly believes that his triumph in the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship on Sunday has removed a considerable psychological obstacle to his world title

White, 30, demonstrated greater self-control than on any previous big occasion as beat John Parrott, the holder, 16-9 to collect a first prize of £70,000 and his fourth title from the past six ranking tournaments. He won the British and European Opens in March and the Rothmans Grand Prix

five weeks ago.
"I'm more disciplined and consistent than I've ever been and that's what you need most for the world champion-

ship," White said.
So depressed was White about his 18-14 loss to Stephen Hendry in the world championship final in May that he lost all motivation to practise. His cue hardly left its case over the summer.

White reached his lowest Steve Davis and Hendry felt when they went to Sheffield ebb at the Dubai Classic in having won the title here. early October, when he mentioned a "cold, alien feeling at Because it's such a test of your all-round game it gives your

the table" after his 5-1 trouncing by Willie Thome in the last 16. It was exactly the jolt White required. The defeat turned his depression into a resolve to work long and hard on restoring his game. The first fruits of this labour were harvested at the grand

prix, and White always made it clear that his primary pre-Christmas target was the UK championship. After a fourthround scare when he recovered from an 8-7 deficit to beat David Roe 9-8, the Londoner always looked the most likely winner.

"I've certainly burled a few things by doing this," White said. "Winning the grand prix was great, in that it cancelled out a few gremlins, but this is more significant for me because it's over the longer frame matches, like the world championship.

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"I know now how guys like"

self-confidence a boost. Now I can go ahead and fly."
White, who has won in excess of £2.5 million in prizemoney during his 12-year professional career, said: "I knew I had the will to get back

to the top after losing in the world final. I'm not the sort of player who can just stick around getting to semi-finals here and there, no matter how much money is White has overtaken Par-

rott and moved into second place on the provisional world ranking list, only 400 points - just one match win -behind Hendry, who appears in danger of losing a No. 1 position he has occupied since

Cardiff extend unbeaten run

ICE HOCKEY

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

home by Bracknell Bees and away by Humberside Seahawks, have lost nine of certainties at present in the premier division of the Heineken League — that Car-diff Devils will win and Nottheir last 11 league games and have sunk to last place. tingham Panthers lose. The Devils took their unbeaten league rum to nine

Durham Wasps, although beaten once again by Whitley Warriors in the cup, routed Fife Flyers with Rick Brebant having his most productive game of the season, scoring seven goals and two assists.

The last 100 per cent record
has at last been broken;
Basingstoke Beavers suffer-

ing their first league defeat, 7-

6 at the hands of Telford Tigers. John Wolfe was outstanding in the Telford goal. standing in the Telford goal.
RESULTS: Premier division: Billinghem Bombers 8. Cardiff Devils 11, Fife Flyers 10, Murrayfield Racers 8, Notingham Parthers 7, Brackmell Bees 11, Brachmell Bees 1, Norwich and Peterborough Prates 10; Cardiff Devils 12, Billingham Bombers 5; Durham Wasps 13, Fife Flyers 9; Humberside Seahawks 8, Nothingham Parthers 6; Murrayfield Racers 13, Whitely Warnors 6. First division: Milton Keynes Kings 13, Romford Racters 7, Stough Jets 6, Mechway Bears 7, Swindon Wildcass 9, Sheffield Steelers 8, Lee Valley Llons 9, Swindon Wildcass 10 Romford Raders 7, Mechway Bears 8, Telford Tigers 7, Basingstoke Beavers 6
Benson and Hedges Cup: Semi-firral, second leg: Durham Wasps 3, Writtey Warnors 5 (Whitley win 18-8 on agg)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Proposals add to players' burden

By Christopher Irvine

A BLUEPRINT for the future of the game unveiled yesterday proposes a return to a discard ed past, with the scrapping of the present system of three divisions after only two seasons and a return to a format of two leagues from next year. More contentious still is a proposed expansion of the first

division from 14 to 16 clubs

and the demotion next season

of three clubs from a reconstructed second division into the Younger's Alliance — the reserve teams' league. This would leave 16 clubs in two divisions on a two-up, two-down basis, from 1994-5. The structure, drawn up by the Rugby Football League's board of directors, may strug-

gle for the necessary three-fifths majority of the 35 club chairmen of the league coun-cil, which meets tomorrow. By making the controversial Lancashire and Yorkshire cups voluntary admission midweek competitions, and flooding the preliminary rounds of the Regal Trophy and Challenge Cup with ama-

teur sides, the board is hoping the fixture burden on senior dubs will be eased. With an additional four league fixtures in a larger first division, players and coaches are unlikely to see it that way. The proposals contradict the point made by Malcolm

the Great Britain coach, about the need to entry into the county cups is likely to remain a necessary evil for many clubs, according

to Reilly. "It sounds like we're just heaping more games on our top guys, which isn't what they need," he said last night. Maurice Lindsay, the RFL's new chief executive, said: "It was felt on balance that it

would give more experience to more footballers to play at a higher level in the first The council will also discuss a reduction in the overseas

player quota, from three to two per club, in an effort to encourage more home-grown

HOCKEY.

Hounslow to miss Hazlitt for cup game

By Sydney Friskin

HOUNSLOW'S full back, Simon Hazlitt, will be unavailable for their match against Harleston Magnies in the fifth round of the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup on December 13, even if he recovers from the hand injury that has kept him out of two games. The Norfolk club, which

eliminated Bromley on Sun-day, is known for its fighting qualities but cannot match Hounslow for talent and experience. The draw favours the leading clubs and East Grinstead, Slough, Teddington and Stourport are likely to join Hounslow in the next stage. Reading, second divi-sion league leaders, have been drawn against second-placed

Indian Gymkhana.
Hampstead and Westmin-ster will play Northampton Saints in the only non-league encounter. Redbridge and Ilford must first play Isca on December 6, the winners meeting Teddington.

FIFTH-R-UNID DRAW: Guildford v Shetfield. Carrierb y v Carnock Reading v Index Symids at Hampstead and Wegminster v Northar ston Saints: Beaston v Stouth; Harlest - Maggies v Hourstow, Redbridge and Bir | or Isca v Teddington.

BASKETBALL

England chase European tournament

By Russell Kempson

ENGLAND not only have been given a second chance to reach the European championship finals in Germany next year, but also have the opportunity to stage the extra qualifying tournament. If negottations are successful, it will be the biggest basketball event held in the country. "It would be quite a coup,"

Mark Hannen, the English Basket Ball Association competitions officer, said. "We'll probably know more in about

Hannen said he had "two interested parties" ready to stage the competition, but the the third-placed teams in the main stumbling block is fi- original pools - England,

nance. "It appears that the hosts have to meet the full costs of the travelling teams," Czechoslovakia, Poland and Romania — in May to decide who takes the five additional Hannen said.

England's second bite at the cherry follows their elimination in group C of the qualify-ing rounds when they lost 94-69 in Bulgaria Fiba, the international gov-

erning body, then decided that the break-up of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia — after the qualifying ties had started - left too many talented nations out in the cold. Fiba announced on the weekend Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Slovenia will join

places on offer for the finals in June and July.

Kevin Cadle, the England

games with home and away

wins over Billingham Bomb-

ers and it was their most

recent acquisition, the French-Canadian, Steve Cadieux,

who led the way, scoring eight

The Panthers were beaten at

of their 23 goals.

coach, will hope his side is not drawn against Lithuania or Croatia. They were the only countries to in any way test the American gold medal winners at the Barcelona Olympics.

Guildford Kings, Cadle's
club team, may have only a

tenuous grip on the Carlsberg League title, but they remain on target to retain the NatWest Trophy. They overcame Worthing Bears 113-106 on Friday and now meet Derby Bucks in the last four. Thames Valley Tigers play

Leicester Riders in the other two legged semi-final. Tigers moved two points clear at the top of the league by thrashing eight-man Sunder-land Saints 120-63.

Guildford's new Spectrum Arena will not now be ready until next month and their league match with Thames Valley on Saturday will be at the Guildford Sports Centre. Carlsberg League

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WORD-WATCH NG

Auswers from page 40 HOPPY

(b) Of or characterised by drag-taking, from the noun hop a narcotic drug, especially opium: "Detroit is really a hoppy town — people must order their opium along with their groceries." DEEP SIX

(c) Death, the grave, perhaps from the custom of burial at sea, at a depth of six fathoms: "My old lady went over the hill with my bank account before I was out of boot camp. I'd have given her the deep-six if I coulda got a furlough." RAMMY

(c) A fight or brawl, especially between gangs, perhaps from the Scottish dialect rammle a row or upruar: "Gallaber had the body, he was Irish, he laid out two slops in the last rammy." CORNFED

(a) Adjective, originally jazz, hand, provincial, connected, punningly from earlier sense "fed on corn" (i.e. maize) and hence corn meaning something countrificd, and ergo, unkindly, hackneyed or band: "Either way this is a rather negative formulation, useful to the critic defending Bauhans to a cornfed audience of Ruskinians."

SOLUTION TO WI'NING CHESS MOVE

White's major pieces proved (1.1) much for the black defences following I Bxh6! gxh6 2 Qv+6+! Bxh6 3 Rg7+ Kh8 4 Rxh6

NEWCASTLE

Classic backroom research won the Matrix Churchill trial. Edward Fennell reports

t the moment when Alan Clark, the former trade minister, made his now notorious admission about advising Matrix Churchill to be "economical with the actualite, Kevin Robinson. the solicitor to the accused managing director Paul Henderson, was already on the way home to Sheffield. He may have missed the public denouement. but he and his clients had already noted half a dozen points at which the case had irreparably collapsed. Mr Clark's declaration, while dramatic. was simply an admission of checkmate in a game lost six moves earlier.

For Geoffrey Robertson, QC, Mr Henderson's barrister, it was an opporfurnity to enjoy another brilliant tri-lumph exposing double-dealing in government circles. But the part played by Kevin Robinson was the basis of the successful outcome. Working on the case for more than 18 months, Mr Robinson, a partner in the Sheffield firm Irwin Mitchell, undertook the classic backroom research role, burrowing through mountains of documents. unicovering snippets of evidence and assembling a strong defence.

Even if the documents from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Ministry of Defence and Foreign Office had never been released, it is possible that Mr Henderson and his fellow accused would still have walked away free men, due to Mr Robinson's diligence. "When I met Paul Henderson for the first time I was convinced that he was innocent." Mr Robinson says. I had been recommended to him by a nother client of mine, Chris Cowley, who was involved in the supergun case. In some ways, therefore, I was on familiar territory and I decided very early on to have an oldstyle committal to get behind the face of

the prosecution witness statements."

The first fruits of this approach came when a DTI official admitted the government had known that Matrix Churchill was part of the Iraqi procurement network. Once that tiny hole in the prosecution case had been exposed. Mr Rollinson could lever it wider until the whole argument fell through.

The task took time, however, in the wake of the committal and the vital evidence it revealed, Mr Robinson worked closely with Mr Henderson to build up massive amounts of data.

"In many respects Paul Henderson was a fdream client," says Mr Robinson. "He was very sensible, resourceful. with lots of ideas. At the same time he was very level-headed. There were times, of course, when the strain showed, but not very often. He's a remarkable man and one can see why British intelligence admired his perfor-

mance in such a dangerous role." There were two key themes in the defence, the political and the technical, both of which Mr Robinson pursued. The first line was the one that



Unsung hero: Kevin Robinson worked on the case for 18 months, building up massive amounts of data

Digging for truth in guns-and-spies saga

government knew what was going on. Here, Mr Robinson was helped considerably by his links with American lawyers engaged in similar cases in the United States. American journalists also provided useful information. Soon after he started his research, the offices of Irwin Mitchell began to receive documents from the CIA, the White House and other United States government departments courtesy of American lawyers. These documents showed the depth of American knowledge about the end use of Matrix Churchill's

machine tools. From there it was a simple but lengthy matter to prove that what the CIA knew was shared with the British government. Here Mr Robinson's dedicated reading paid off. A one-line comment from a member of the Commons select committee on trade with Iraq (the supergun enquiry) proved critical in establishing the exchange of information. What the CIA knew. Mr Robinson could show. British intelligence should also know. But did this amount to proof that the where the prosecution behaved with what Mr Robinson describes as "astonishing generosity".

"At the start of the trial, the prosecution conceded that it would accept that information given to one arm of government was information given to the government as a whole. This was an important concession."

'I decided to have an old-style committal to get behind the face of witness statements'

As it happened, Mr Robinson still had a second line of "technical" defence. For the Matrix Churchill equipment to fall under the export control orders, it had to have been specially designed for munitions

It seemed that with Matrix Chur-

case. They could be used for general engineering purposes and Mr Robinson argued that the prosecution was confusing "special design" with "intent". He was able to prove his point. Dr Roger Hannam, an expert witness from the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology, demonstrated that the Matrix Churchill machinery was not specially designed for military purposes. The prosecution had no such expert witness to contest Mr Hannam's evidence.

In the event, the judge ordered the disclosure of many of the government documents and after some tight crossexamination of prosecution witnesses Mr Henderson and his colleagues were free.

But why did the case go ahead at all? The security services may understandably be furious at the revelations. If ever there was a case of an MI6 cover-up, this was it. That it was exposed is chiefly down to Mr Robinson and the barristers representing the defendants. Without them, the outcome could have

Gay lawyers are left out in the cold

he Law Society is com-ing under fire for ex-cluding gays and les-bians from its recently. published discussion paper on discrimination. The society is proposing a practice rule to outlaw discrimination within law firms on the grounds of race, sex or disability. But phrases which would have afforded similar protection to gay and lesbian solicitors were expunged before the paper was

published. The provisions on sexual orientation were apparently dropped after some angry and blunt reactions from the Law Society's higher echelons. One senior council member said: "Sexual orientation? Don't you mean sexual disorientation?"

Henry Hodge, a Law Society council member, denies that the society is pandering to its most reactionary members. "Of course the society is not saying that it approves of discrimination on grounds of sexual orienta-tion. There is nothing to stop firms including it in their own equal opportuni-ties policies. It is just not included in our document."

But gay lawyers and civil rights groups are less san-guine about the impact of the omission. Andrew Puddephatt, general secretary of Liberty (formerly the National Council for Civil Liberties), describes it as "outrageous". An equal op-portunities policy which excludes lesbians and gays is not neutral, he says. "It's a booby trap. Silence will be seen as consent and it will effectively legitimise dis-crimination within firms." The legal profession should be leading the way, not dragging behind, he argues. Solicitor Angela Mason, executive director of Stonewall, a gay lobby group, agrees. "The society has not taken a principled ap-proach." Stonewall will be urging the society to change its policy.

The Law Society appears to be swimming against the tide. The American Bar As-

Proposals for practice rules on discrimination



Angela Mason: lobbyist



John Lovatt: appalled

sociation recently granted affiliate status to a gay lawyer group; and the Lord Chancellor's guidance for the conduct of advocates outlaws discrimination on these grounds. Even the Metropolitan Police has introduced an equal opporprotection for gay and lesbi-

Mr Hodge says that the society is not aware of any complaints of discrimination against gay solicitors. Law student Katrina Robinson remains unimpressed.
"Have they looked?" she asks. "Gay people are dis-criminated against in every

walk of life. They are legis-

lated against and beaten up

on the street. Why should it

suddenly stop when it comes to the legal profession?"

She is looking for articles and fears she may receive less than even-handed treatment from prospective employees. "I wrote to a City firm which publishes an equal opportunities policy asking whether that includ-

'ed sexual orientation." A reply is still awaited. Stuart Walker, a barrister and a member of the Haldane Society Lesbian and Gay Sub-group, says her concerns are well-founded. Trainees and junior solicitors have reported great difficulty in "coming out" at work. He says that unless firms have explicit equal opportunities policies, gay and lesbian solicitors will continue to fear that their sexuality will count against

them in the jobs race. John Lovatt, partner at the self-styled "all-gay" Loudon firm Woods Lovatt, is equally appalled at his professional body shutting its eyes to the discrimination he says exists. "As many as one in ten lawyers may be gay. But they know that if they come out at work, they will face discrimination and hostility from their

employers.
"Many are leading double lives: I did it myself until I became self-employed." Whether the Law Society changes its mind, it will at

the least have to engage in public debate with those affected by its decision. In future, the society's deliberations on sexual orientation seem set to be brought well and truly out of the closet.

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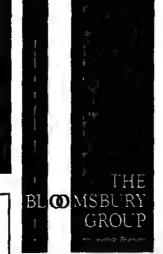
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Biogen Lac v Medeva ple Below Mr Justice Aldous

Although a plaintiff's patent was valid and it was infringed so as to

[Judgment November 13]

Power to entertain tax declaration

Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies Undernent November 61

Since the taxpayer had, under the statutory code, no way of appealing against a demand for information against a demand for information and a failure to comply entailed a penalty, it followed that the court had jurisdiction to entertain an originating summons brought by the taxpayer seeking a declaration that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue were not entitled to apply the provisions of section 485 of the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 to the taxpayer in respect

of certain of its accounting periods. Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in the Chancery Division, after a hearing in chambers re-ported with his Lordship's consent. hen dismissing an application by the defendant, the Commission of Inland Revenue, to strike out the originating summons brought by the plaintiff taxpayer, Beecham

Mr Graham Aaronson, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Timothy Brennan

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DA-VIES said it was made clear at the on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction to hear the originating summons; or if it had, the court ought in its discretion to refuse to

The suggestion that the court had no jurisdiction was founded on the contention that whether or not the Revenue might. In the circumstances of the case, invoke section 485 of the 1970 Act was a diction of the special

The appeals have been before the special commissioners but the hearing had not yet been con-

Time obligation

icals Ltd v Geogas SA

When a vessel was already en-gaged at the time of the charterparty, or became engaged under another fixture before the voyage charter commenced, there was no reason why a reasonable dispatch obligation under the terms of that charterparty should be inoperative until the vessel left the discharge port in completion of the last preceding fixture.

The right approach was to look the combination of the expected date and the term in the charterparty that the vessel would use all convenient speed to get to the port of loading.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Hoffmann) so

Revenue wished to be informed of dealings between the plaintiff and one of its subsidiaries, Beecham Pharmaceuticals (Pte) Ltd, a Singapore company. If such information was forthcoming there might be occasion to amend the assessments already made.

he assessments already made.

By October 26, 1990 the Revenue were requiring a considerable volume of information to consider whether to make use of section 485 for the purpose of altering the open assessments. No section 17(3) no-Mr Aaronson submitted that at

the hearing of the originating summons it would not be open to the Revenue to seek an alteration of the existing assessments; that any profits or income disclosed in information pursuant to any sec-tion 17(3) notice had to be made, if at all, the subject of a new or further assessment and it was common ground that it was too make any further

assessments.
Further, he submitted that the plaintiff should not be put to the task of complying with a section 17(3) notice because, if he was right in saying that an effective section 485(3) direction could not be made, the compiling of the information sought by the Revenue would be burdensome. oppressive and a waste of time.

That was why the originating

summons had been issued.
His Lordship was satisfied there was an arguable case on whether or not the Revenue were entitled to invoke section 485; see guidance provided in the notes at p332 et to Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court

abuse of process to proceed by appeals against the relevant assessments before the special commis

held on November 5 in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of Trammo Ger and Petrochemicals

Ltd. of the Bahamas, the charteren

to a charterparty agreement dated January 12, 1987 with Geogas SA, from Mr Justice Webster who on March 14, 1990 had allowed Geogas's appeal of from the final award of arbitrators that Geogas should pay Trammo damages for loss suffered as a result of a breach of obligations under the

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the combination of an esti-mated time of arrival provision and the undertaking by Geogas to proceed with all reasonable dispatch had resulted in an obligation. to start in time. The breach of that

to determine the appeals in rela-tion to the facts: see sections 31, 50. 52, and 54 of the Taxes Manage 52, and 54 of the 1axes Manage-ment Act 1970. In accordance with those provisions the taxosyer could not litigate a point of law that arose in the appeal.

His Lordship said that was correct but it was not quite the position in the instant case. The appeals stood adjourned and the question posed by the plaintiff was whether or not in the course of those appeals the Revenue could now introduce an element that had been absent from the appeals to date, namely the invoking of section 465.

It seemed that whether the introduction of that new element into the appeals could be considered by the court depended upon the jurisdiction of the court as to disputes between the Revenue and

In In m Vandervell's Trust (1971) AC 912) both Lord Dilhorne (at p933) and Lord Diplock (at p943-4) spoke of the "correctness of an assessment" and Lord Wilberforce (at p940) of "directned assessment"

In the instant case what the plaintiff wished to do at the present tage was not to attack the existing ments but to dispute the right of the Revenue to seek to vary the existing assessments by section

In the circumstances of the instant case, which were removed from those of Vandervell, it might be arguable that one was not obliged by Vandervell to hold that ir was only the special commis-sioners who could say whether or not section 485 was to be applied. Balen v Inland Revenue Commissioners ((1978) 52 TC

406) was a case where Mr Justice Oliver felt able, despite Vandervell, to hold that the court had jurisdiction to entertain a claim for declarations sought at the suit of the taxpayer, Balen was in some respects similar to the instant case in that there was a notification by the Revenue of an intention to make use of section 460 of the 1970 Act and in the instant case there was an indication by the Revenue of their intention to use another tax altering provision, that a. section 485.

Mr Breman submitted that Balen did not belp the plaintiff because it decided simply that the court might decide a question as to the propriety of a determination by the tribunal.

Mr Asronson submitted that the court had jurisdiction to declare whether or not a taxpayer was entitled to decline to answer Revenue questions on the ground that they were appressive, and particu-larly so where a failure to answer would put the taxpayer in peril of penalty proceedings and there was

no statutory appeal against the Revenue's request for answers. Section 98 of the Taxes-Management Act 1970 showed

that the texpayer stood in danger of a penalty of £50 if he failed to respond to a section 483 Manage.
The penalty was small but opprobrium would be incurred by heing s. public company being stigmatised by pensity proceedings: see Dyson v Attorney-General (1911) KB 410, 421); Royal Bank of Canada v Inland Revenue Commissioners (1972) Ch 665)

Commissioners (1972) Ch 665)
and Clinch v Inland Revenue
Commissioners (1974) QB 76)
His Lordship saw the strength of
the words in Vandervell but saw
the matter as Mr Justice Oliver saw the matter as Mr Justice Oliver saw it in Balen where he considered that when a question was raised as to the propriety of a determination, the court was the proper forum for the resolution of the question. Accordingly the court had jurisdiction to hear the originating

As to the court's enercise of its discretion, his Lordship would, in all the circumstances, allow the originating summons to proceed.

It was plainly convenient and economic that the court should economic that the court should decide the point at issue at that stage rather than leave the matter to be considered by the special commissioners after the amassing of information which, at the end the the day, might be shown to have been unnecessary. Accordingly no order would be made on the excitation summers. riginating summons. Solicitors: Linkbur & Paines:

entitle him to damages against a defendant, the court had a dis-cretion whether to grant or refuse the plaintiff an injunction restrain-ing the delendant from further infinessesses Mr Justice Aldous so held in the

Chancey Division when resusing a motion by the plaintiff, Biogen Inc. to strike out paragraph 7 of the defence filed by Medeva pic in an action by Biogen claiming. inter aliae (i) a declaration that Rumpeam Patents UK. Nos0182442 and 0013828 were valid, (ii) an injunction to restrain Metieva from infringing those patents, on the grounds that the allegations therein (a) disclosed no reasonable cause of defence (b) were scandalous, frivolous and vecatious, (c) might prejudice, embarrass or delay the fair trial of the action and (d) were otherwise an abuse of the process of the court.

the action and (d) were otherwise an abuse of the process of the court. Paragraph 7 stated: "If (which is denied) any claim of [those] parants is valid and would be infringed by the immufacture or sale of [Medeway] proposed hepatitis B waccisie ... then the court in the creeffice of its discretion should not grant an infraredom herein which

has done".

There, although the defendant had infringed the plaintiffs patern, the Court of Appeal had discharged an injunction on the ground that further infringement

under or by licence of [Biogen] or G. D. Searle & Co. Lat [1977] FSR otherwise. Grant of the injunction prayed for would lead to the loss of human life and/or avoidable damage to human health."

Mr. Hugh Laddle, QC. for Biogen: Mr Martin Howe and Mr Michael Tappin for Medeva.

MR. JUSTICE AT POLICE.

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MR JUSTICE ALDOUS said to decision in each case, the omus that he had to assume the facts to decision in each case, the omus that he had to assume the facts to show that there is little, if any, sind must by virtue of section 61(6) and the Patents Act 1977. It is not the patents act 1977. It is not the drug in question.

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Neither counsel could cite and the principles applied by the county of the patents Act 1977, dealing with the grant of some least of the present defence and of the present defence and impunction said that its practice that it the present action came on the court of Chancery in granting an injunction of the process of the proc

ground that further infringement legal rights was small (ii) and capable of estimation in money which (iii) could adequately combined been observations by the pensage him and (iv) in the

However Lord Justice Lindley (at p315) had offered a different test and in Fishenden v Higgs & Hill Ltd ((1935) 153 LT 128, 144) Lord Justice Mangham after observing that Lord Justice A. L. Smith's remarks had been obited dictal, expressed the view that expressed for a money consideration, is only justifiable when the plaintiff has sanctioned it", adding "neither has the circumstance that the wrongder is in some sense a public benefactor
... ever been considered a sufficient reason for refusing to protect by injunction an individual whose rights are being persistently

Conscious though his Lordship was that the court had no power to was that the court had no power to legalise unlawful acts, and that the public would be safeguarded from injury by Medeva's right to apply for a compulsory licence, he did not think it right to strike out paragraph 7 of the defence, because to do so would affect the court's exercise of its discretion, whether to grant an injunction or not, at the future date when it would fall to be exercised. Between would fall to be exercised. Between facts might have changed. The plaintiff's motion to strike

out paragraph 7 was therefore refused, but leave to appeal was Solicitors: Stringer Saul;

Document notice should be given

Regina v Blackhura Regina v Wade

There should be either a rule of practice or a procedural require ment ensuring that proper notice be given where there was an intention in a criminal trial to take intention in a criminal trial to take technical points such as objection to a document admissible under section 24 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, as being inadmissible by reason of section 69 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 to which section 24 was expressed

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Farquharson, Mr Justice Henry and Mrs Justice Bracewell) so stated on November 5 in dismissing appeals by Raymond Fraces Buckburn and Kim Joseph Wade against their convic-tions in May 1992 at Southwark Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder Porten and a jury) of handling stolen goods.

MR JUSTICE HENRY said

make it clear that, while it was not necessary for their decision in the instant case, they would have been extremely reluctant to accept that a document produced on a word processor, rather than on a type-writer or by a quill pen, thereby became a document produced section 69 applied, that is to say a document produced by a computer rather than a document produced

exercise of its discretion should not grant an injunction herein which would prevent [Medeva] from manufacturing and selling [it, because id ... will be materially

superior as a vaccine to any hepatitis B vaccine available or

If such documents were covered by section 69 then the welcome reforms found in section 24 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 would

Now, with the almost universal use of word processors, if that were to be the case, almost every luminess document would because subject to section 69, which surely could not have been Parliament's

Refusal to hear counsel was breach of natural justice

Regina v East Berkshire Coroner, Ex parte Buckley Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Laws

[Judgment November 20] It was a breach of natural justice at a coroner's inquest for the commer to refuse to hear counsel's submission that the jury be invited to consider a verdict of "lack of citie". That was so even where the coroner felt on the evidence that no easonable jury could find lack of

Mr Justice Laws so held in the Queen's Bench Division granting an application by Clara Buckley for judicial review of the inquest held by Mr R. W. Wilson, the East. Berishire Coroner, on October 25, 1991 into the death in Broadianor Special Hospital of her son Orolle Blackwood and ordering a new

Mr Edward Firgerald for the applicant; Mr Simon Readhead for the coroner.

deceased had been transferred to Broadmoor while imprisoned for robbery. He was an acutely ill patient who was a potential danger to himself and others. He had been given forcibly two injections of phenothiazine into the buttock and had died shortly afterwards.

At the inquest the applicant's counsel had sought to submit that the jury should consider lack of care, in that the second injection need not have been given immediately after the first. Counsel had sought to make the sub-mission after the conclusion of the evidence but the coroner had refused to hear him.

The coroner had properly conceded that that refusal was a breach of natural justice and that focto was material on the evidence upon which a reasonable jury might have found lack of care, although the coroner did not accept that there was in fact any lack of care.

close of the evidence, that no reasonable jury could find tack of care, he ought still to have heard counsel's submissions The Coroners' Rules (SI 1984

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No 552) did not permit submissions at an inquest to be made as to the facts, but in his Lordship's view a submission as to what verdict ought or ought not to be left to a coroner's jury was always a submission of law, unless it was merely a colourable attempt to persuade the jury of a certain version of the facts. That was not the case here, and such a sub-mission could, and should, be made in the absence of the jury.

The coroner having accepted that there were grounds on which a reasonable jury could find lack of care, it would be quite wrong for the court to refuse relief. Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

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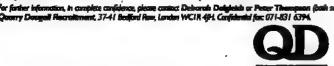
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Women who have made it at the Bar: Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Patricia Scotland, Britain's first black woman QC, and Mrs Justice Booth

Rough justice at the Bar

bastions of male supremacy, reached what was hailed as a watershed last week when it published findings of the first survey into sex discrimination

in the profession. The report, a severe indictment of prevailing attitudes, is the first concrete evidence of "substantial and continuing unequal treatment between the sexes at many levels of the

Women, it found, suffered discrimination in obtaining pupillages (training places) and tenancies (permanent seats in chambers); in the allocation of work by clerks; in earnings and in selection for

promotion to senior ranks. The statistics are salient. Although a fast-growing pro-portion of the Bar (women now make up 42 per cent of those called compared with 11 per cent in 1975), women barristers are not proportionately represented in the higher levels of Queen's Counsel. On the bench, there are no women law lords, one out of 26 Court of Appeal judges, four of 83 High Court judges, 20 of 406 circuit judges, 39 of 677 recorders, and 42 of 354 nders. The fault is not just with selection; women

are not applying for the bench. Just to enter the profession there are significant hurdles: women (of comparable educational qualifications with the men) have to make on average 12 applications for pupiliage compared with eight by men and have more interviews (5.2) on average, compared with 3.8 for men). More than half the women were asked about future plans, marriage and children, compared with 27 per cent of men. For tenancies the figures were 39 per cent

and 14.6 per cent. Discrimination is a dirty word: no-one wants to admit to it on their own doorstep. The report has been applauded by barristers on all sides of the profession. But ask a top woman barrister if she has faced discrimination herself,

Frances Gibb on how 'jobs for the boys' make it difficult for women to climb the legal ladder

and the answer is almost always "no". Like Lady Macbeth on Duncan's murder -"What, in our house?" - half the heads of chambers in the survey agreed that women were disadvantaged; but the problem, they said, was not in

their own set. Yet to succeed, most women barristers agree that they have had to conform to a male club, have (as the survey over whelmingly found) felt under pressure to perform better than men and feit their performance under

greater scrutiny.
Lesiey Holland, a principal consultant with TMS Management Consultants, Bournemouth, who conducted the survey, said the discrimination which came as no surprise and was "no worse than in any other profession" - was not deliberate. "It is not that

barristers want to exclude women. But the Bar has a set of traditions, cultures and values which quite unconsciously and unintentionally men and prov hurdles for women." Hilary Hellbron, QC, vice chairman of the Bar's sex

discrimination committee and a successful silk in the largely male area of the commercial Bar, concurs: the problems are "deeply rooted in attitudes of mind compounded by the traditions of the profession

As Helena Kennedy, QC, puts it in her book, Eve Was Framed, the "smell of the gendeman's club permeates every crevice at the Inns of Court. The odour of exclusiveness, like most personal smells, never offends its owners — indeed, they are usually quite impervious to it."

One significant finding from the 600 responses (from men and women) was that women blame clerks, who allocate the briefs, as one of the to aim for), Lesley Holland

main sources of disadvantage, followed by solicitors. Barristers' clerks were privately "outraged" at the findings. They do not concede they discrimi nate in alloming briefs and boast proudly of the women in

their own sets But they also admit that in a recession, which makes for heightened competition at the Bar and solicitors unwilling to

'If those doing the choosing are male, then they are always

going to get their own kind'

try new counsel, women, who are in greater numbers at the lower levels, will suffer from the current insistence among solicitors for counsel who are "tried and tested" and a "safe

Paul Shrubsall, the chairde libuiule oi baitis ters' Clerks, dismisses the allegations of bias in work distribution as generally unfair. "Obviously there must be pockets of discrimination and there must be chambers which do not want 50 per cent women. That is wrong, and needs to be addressed, perhaps through our code of conduct to raise awareness. But it is unfair to say that a prime source of the problem is

The Bar has taken a leap (unmatched in any other profession) in admitting, identifying and publicising the problem. Tackling it will be harder. There are some obvious steps which can be taken: of a range of recommenda-tions which include positive action such as targets (for chambers, and the judiciary,

more pervasive - making

haul of the procedures to make them more open, systematic, objective and, therefore, fair. Women represent only 5 per cent of all QCs: in May this year there were 41 omen QCs out of a total of society just and fair." 760, although they account for 15 per cent of the pool from which QCs are drawn. It was only last year that the first black woman QC, Patricia

gatekeepers. If those choosing are male, they are always going to get their own kind." Barbara Hewson, of the Association of Women Barris-

ters, which prompted the survey, will be watching to see how the recommendations are carried forward. The Bar already has commitment in the shape of its equality committee and equality officers: one of them, Pamela Bhalla, says they are working on a new equality code which will be "promoted fairly forcefully". Less certain is the attitude of the Lord Chancellor's department, whose brief response to the report did not presage any willingness to consider

Women are in no doubt the haul will be long. But, they say, at least the report raises awareness. The law is a very central institution," Helena Kennedy says. "This is not just about jobs for the girls. It's something much wider and

Sex-bias ruling will make history

ext week the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg will hear a case brought by Miss Helen Marshall which raises issues of fundamental importance to the development of sex discrimination law in the United Kingdom.

Miss Marshall already has a place in legal history. In 1980, the Southampton Health Authority dismissed her from her post as a senior dictician. The sole reason for the dismissal was that she was over the age of 60, the contractual retirement age for women employed by the authority. Like many employers at that time, the authority allowed men to continue working until the age of 65.

To obtain a remedy for this blatant sex

discrimination, Miss Marshall pursued her former employers from the industrial tribunal all the way to the European Court of

Justice. She asserted that Community law, in particular the Equal Treatment Directive 76/207, made her employer's conduct unlawful, and should take priority over the narrow provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, which excluded any claim for sex discrimination in relation to death or

The European Court of Jus-tice held, in February 1986, that Miss Marshall was the victim of unlawful sex discrimination contrary to Community law. The court accepted that the directive forbids sex discrimination in occupational retirement ages, and that this prohibition is directly enforceable in domestic courts and

tribunals against a state employer, which included the health authority. Parliament responded by enacting provisions in the Sex Discrimination Act 1986 making unlawful sex discrimination by any employer in relation to retirement ages.

This triumph did not fully satisfy Miss Marshali. She was unimpressed with the payment to her by the authority of £6,250 compensation, the maximum award to which a person was then entitled under. domestic legislation. She returned to the industrial tribunal and established that her premature retirement had, in fact, caused her inancial loss of over £19,000.

in 1990, the Court of Appeal rejected by 2her argument that the statutory cap on compensation for sex discrimination is itself in breach of Community law. Last year, the House of Lords referred this issue to the European Court of Justice,

where it will be considered next week. The case is of importance because employers in the United Kingdom do not yet take sex discrimination law seriously. With honourable exceptions, they largely ignore their obligations unless and until a case is brought. They then take legal advice, and, if vulnerable, settle in the knowledge that the statutory maximum for acts of sex discrimination (now £10,000) means that the matter can be

resolved out of petty cash.
Were Miss Marshall to succeed, employers would have to compensate victims of sex discrimination for the full extent of their loss or damage. This would provide a financial incentive to employers to apply the principles of equality law in their personnel decisions. For Miss Marshall to enjoy another triumph would make it much easier for other women to achieve equal treatment without litigation.

It will not be easy for Miss Marshall to win this case. The majority of the Court of Appeal found against her because of another judgment of the European Court in 1984 which held that the Equal Treatment Directive does not include any sufficiently precise provisions on sanctions which can be relied on by individuals in

national courts. However, the European Court is influenced by concepts of policy. There has been, in the past few years, a stream of decisions from the court designed more effectively to im-

plement Community law. The European Court knows very well that without action on

its part, domestic courts are not always keen to enforce Community laws. The latest example is the disappointing decision of the Court of Appeal last month rejecting a judicial review application brought by the Equal Opportunities Commission. This challenged the less favourable treatment of parttime workers in relation to statutory redundancy pay and the right to compensa-tion for unfair dismissal. The majority of the court adopted a very narrow approach and held that there was no decision which could be subjected to judicial review by the EOC. The enforcement of what the European judges have described as the "fundamental right to equality without sex discrimination continues to depend on individuals like Miss Marshall and the leadership of the European Court.

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Legal eye from TV

HOSTS of well-known lawyers are nursing their disappointment and lost chances for TV fame after Channel 4 last week spurned their efforts to become involved in a new series on legal affairs to be screened this spring A small independent production company, Atlantic Eye, of Windsor, Berkshire, fought off 45 other applicants to win the commission. The editor, Adrian Milne, who qualified as a solicitor at Maciarlanes before joining the BBC many moons ago, says: "Our programmes will get inside the legal process and show how it often fails the people it is supposed to serve." Mr Milne held senior editorial positions on Newsnight, Panorama and



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Horizon. The law may be in for a savaging. Channel 4 has said that no practising lawyers or anybody eise connected with the legal establishment will be a presenter or part of the production team. A Channel 4 spokesman said: "The programme will be com-

pletely independent of the

legal profession." Le Squat

FRENCH law on squatting is much the same as that in the UK and has prompted the city council in Marseilles to devise a scheme to bring an end to the fear of eviction experienced by those who squat on derelict land. Instead of forcing them off, the city council will provide unfinished building shells which squatters can help to build into houses. Rents will be low and determined by, among other things, the amount of labour and other investment the squatter puts into construct-

ing the house. Donkey work

DO we need more radical remedies against drink-drivers? And could we learn something from the women vigilantes of the North Indian state of Manipur? Alcoholism became so rife in Manipur in the 1970s that women joined forces in large numbers to root it out. Their treatment of

and parade them through the streets. Perhaps this could also solve the problem of how to entertain frustrated commuters in traffic jams.

Value added

HAS the Law Society finally admitted that it may be a mite inefficient? It is advertising for a management consultant to help improve the "quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the society's services". Applicants for the £25,000-a-year job must have "at least two years experience of value-for-money studies". which, comments one member, "presumably rules out any internal appointments".

Blooming GREEN law cases are bur-geoning: the Environmental Law Foundation last week celebrated its first year, and in that time it has received 255 applications for advice. Of these, more than a hundred cases have been referred on to solicitors. There are now 151 solicitor members.

Workload

WILL the sight of assistant solicitors and pupil barristers trailing along behind their seniors, lugging small legal libraries, soon be a thing of the past? Under new regula. tions which come into force on January 1, employers will male drinkers is severe but face strict requirements reported to be effective - they where work involves the haztie them naked to a donkey ardous manual handling of

loads. The new rules will govern offices and services as well as the more traditional forms of manual labour. They also recognise the risks of cumulative injury. There are also new rules covering the use of computer display

picks out selection criteria at

every level, from entry to the

bench. These should be de-

fined, job-related and publi-

cised, bringing more objectiv-

ity into recruitment. Some

chambers, 1 Essex Court for

instance, already have tests for

applicants rather than the

usual subjective interview. Sec-

When it comes to Queen's

Counsel and the judiciary, the survey authors felt

positive action was needed

to encourage women to

apply, with a radical over-

Scotland, was appointed. The

survey found a growing pool

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who are not applying as often

as men, relative to their num-

still wrongly perceive earnings

levels to be crucial for selection

to silk, which in the past it was.

(Women's earnings tend to be

lower than those of men.)

Another is that the age for applying clashes with child-

bearing. Then there is the need to be known and noticed

by senior members of the

profession, "the system of pa-

tronage", as the report put it.

network, favours men and

actively dissuades women,

who see few role models in the

higher ranks. "It is harder for

women to pass the Heineken

test," Ms Kennedy says. "But

one can't improve things until

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Police custody

MANY people still think that the police are obliged to return the estimated 43,000 children who run away from home every year to their parents or guardians. But the police have confirmed that the way they treat runaway children has changed since the Children Act came into force a year ago. The police returning runaways to their parents or even to care. The act has limited the powers of the police to cases where the child is at risk of suffering significant harm, and even then they need not return the child and need not disclose his or her whereabouts, but may simply offer protection.

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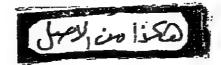
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THEATRE: Kenneth Rea meets the Japanese director Yukio Ninagawa, on a brief visit to London

Midwife to a universal message

oreign directors have made a huge impact on the British theatre scene lew of them have stirred audiences as much as Yukio Ninagawa. Since his samurai-style Macbeth became the sensation of the Edinburgh Festival in 1985, Ninagawa's Japanese company has returned, notably with Medea, Suicide for Love and The Tempest, to a mounting wave of international acclaim.

On Thursday his Noh-inspired version of The Tempest can be seen in London for the first time when the company gives four performances at the Barbican Theatre, This short visit marks both a new policy for the Royal Shakespeare Company, which plans to host more foreign companies in future. and a second beginning for Japan's most famous director.

Ninagawa made his name by giving western classics a distinctly Japanese flavour, thereby throwing fresh light on familiar plays. Macboth became an exquisite ritual witnessed by two old women outside a Buddhist temple. Medea drew on the voluptuous bravura of Kabuki acting. And Ninagawa placed The Tempest on the Japanese island of Sado where a group of exiles enact the play under the guidance of their director who also

There's a great theatricality and sensuality about his work," says RSC director Adrian Noble, who invited Ninagawa to the Barbican. "And an exoticism that actually chimes with something central to those great passions of Shake-speare We tend to think of everything as being English, which it isn't. Take The Tempest — an island off the coast of Italy. Or 15 locations in the Mediterranean for Periodes. Or a gloomy eastle off the Danisa coast. They're quite exotic, rather romantic landscapes."

The special quality of a Ninagawa production is its emotional intensity, though this is achieved as much through the masterul blending of music, light and visual images as through the acting itself. Ninagawa has the knack of tugging at the heartstrings with unabashed romanticism. while stopping just short of an allout vallow in sentimentality. The resultis an unforgettable theatrical magic that seems to have been



Yukio Ninagawa: "The direction with first audience. I try to produce something unlike anything anyone has ever seen before"

I always tell my actors, the text is the mother, the actors are the father. The child they have is the play

or such a lavish scale. Suicide for The director is the first audience," says Ninagawa, "I try to Love at the National Theatre three years ago, had a cast of 72. Since I became a director, there

produce something unlike anything anyone has ever seen before. I always tell my actors, the text is the mother, the actors are the father. The child they have is the play. My role is that of the midwife - to deliver a healthy child. If I can achieve that and see something I've never seen before, then the pain is

Directing plays is surely one of the most stressful jobs around. To look at the frail, quietly-spoken Ninagawa, you could be forgiven for wondering how he has had the resilience to stand up to it, especially as his productions are conceived

dragged up from the depths of his soul. In Macheth he used the music

of Faure's Requiem and falling

cherry blossom, that gradually changed from white to red. to

underpin the hero's fate. In Suicide

for Love it was a long and surbulent snowstorm that finally buried the

One way Ninagawa's born-again phase has shown itself is an eagerness to work with younger actors. Another characteristic of the

age I been a time when I didn't pain in the stomach," he new Ninagawa is a move away Then after Suicide for Love from grandeur and speciacle. Tanondon, my body finally gave orme. The day after I got back go at the End of Winter, Ninagawa's first production with o I was vomiting blood. I English actors, which starred Alan rys had trouble from bad Rickman and Suzanne Bertish, alcers, but now I had to was conceived on a more intimate operation. And that has scale than most of his other work, and currently Ninagawa is rehearsthen, the way I direct is changing. It is not the level that is different. I think ing a production of Chekhov's Three Sisters, designed to fit in a

very small theatre.
"I feel as if I have a second I use the very pessimistic about life. Note I am beginning to look at stomach." says Ninagawa. "It's a

second chance for me as a director and I feel I will be different." It was in this spirit that Ninagawa threw himself into re-hearsals for the revival of The Tempest, eager to test whether his earlier vision of the play stands up to his new values. Why is he constantly drawn back to Shakespeare?

"Playwrights, especially in Ja-pan, can't write very well about what's going on today, so directors turn to Shakespeare where there is a humanity and universality," says Ninagawa. "When I choose to direct a Shakespeare, I'm looking for the most universal plays, which can have a resonance in Japan. And when touring abroad I test whether they are universal for the rest of the world.

When I first read The Tempest, in my early twenties. I thought it was very mysterious. When I reread it years later, I felt deeply impressed by it. I felt then that this was a story about how people made peace with the world. For example

TODAY's Rossini singer par excel-lence, Cecilia Bartoli devoted her

programme entirely to that com-

poser in a bicentennial homage at

the refurbished Wigmore Hall. On

a drab November afternoon it was

like hearing a voice of blue skies

She is the most accomplished

coloratura mezzo since the much-

loved Teresa Berganza, with an almost faultless technique that, on

this occasion, seemed to be lifting

her voice more into the soprano

range. Yet it is firm and well-supported, from high to low, with a

strong chest register on which

Rossini so often depends for elo-

quence of colour and feeling.
This shone through as she fol-

lowed an opening group of songs

that owed much to the rhythmic

impetus of her attentive piano

partner, György Fischer, with five

successive Rossini settings of the

same Metastasio verse. "Mi

lagnero tacendo", requiring the

singer to declare "I shall suffer

mutely" while doing the opposite.

and warm sunshine.

stage, and all the men and women merely players. By seeing Prospero as a director I thought I might explore the idea of how people make peace with the world. And when you think of it like this, it becomes a story about ourselves. That was why I decided to direct

The Tempest. "Then there was the problem of Japanese people doing Shake-speare. How should we understand it? Prospero has been exiled to an island. In Japan that becomes more familiar if the island is Sado where many Japanese criminals and outlaws were exiled. That's also where Zeami, the father of Noh theatre, was exiled. On Sado, even today, there are more than 30 Noh stages. So in order to understand the universality of Shakespeare we had to set the play in Japan."

his sounds all very sensi-ble, but the context of theatre in Japan is not necessarily receptive to such carefully thought-out concepts. Because the very young are the ones with the time and the money in Japan today, they make up most of the theatre-going public. And they are usually catered for with inane productions that rely on frenetic energy and an unremitting barrage of sensation rather than clear thought. The 50-year-old Ninagawa and his contemporaries are seen as very much the older generation.

Significantly, Ninagawa's most famous production, the samural Macbeth, was received coolly by Japanese critics before it reached Edinburgh. For them it was not "Shakespearean" enough, meaning that it should have looked more

Ninagawa dismisses this with imparience. "Japan is just a tiny village in the rest of the world," he says. "And there are many people there who think they are very important in that little village. But I feel we have to destroy the village mentality and bring fresh ideas from outside. We have to break down the walls and place the village in the world. So I see my visits overseas as a chance to bring fresh air back to the village."

● The Tempest is at the Barbican (071-638 8891) Thursday, Friday at 7.15pm and Saturday at 2pm and 7.15pm

She had fun with the flirty

humour of "La regata veneziana",

voicing encouragement for her favoured gondolier with dramatic

feeling, and the kind of vocal allure

in Venetian dialect that put the

character in front of us as if she had

But the major operatic items

stand testimony to a composer who

could design his music for a greater

splendour of vocal beauty, as in a

dazzling aria for the goddess Ceres

in Le nozze di Teti e di Peleo, and

especially in the great set-piece aria from Semiramide, "Bei raggio lu-

singhier", where the vocal runs and

roulades glittered enchantingly, save only for a somewhat effortful

The audience called the singer

back for three encores before they

would let her go, among them a

sudden unexpected switch into Mozart for Cherubino's "Voi che

sapete", sung with elegance of style as well as feeling.

NOEL GOODWIN

been in costume.

RECITAL: Cecilia Bartoli at the Wigmore Hall

Sunny afternoon

NEW MUSIC

Novelty and some dramatics

A MOMENT of high extra-musi-cal drama touched the closing weekend of the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. It happened when Luciano Berio, conducting the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in his Sinfonia, the climax to a concert devoted to his work, stopped after the first movement to complain about the inadequate level of amplification provided for the voices of Electric Phoeníx.

After this episode concentration understandably slackened, and the second movement, that haunting homage to Martin Luther King, came close to disaster. But the singers recovered and the work survived well.

The concert in any case had been hastily re-structured because of the cancellation of the planned performance of Berio's new Ofanim. Instead the soprano Luisa Castellani began the evening with Sequenza III (1966), as flexible with face and hands as with voice, and then, with a chamber group from the BBC PO, took the solo soprano role in Berio's elegant memorial for Bruno Maderna, Calmo (1974). Judith Rees joined her to lighten the atmosphere with the evergreen and inventive arrangements of Folk

Songs (1973).

In a way Berio represented the middle ground at this year's festival; his music is at once cerebral and theatrical. A recital devoted to Klaus Huber's work, given by the German chamber group Ensemble Rechercher, tollers who demands poser of intellect who demands much from his listeners. But Huber is also a poet in sound, as this concert revealed. Magali Schwartz. a mellow-voiced singer utterly in control of her instrument, gave an early cantata, Auf die ruhige Nachtzeit (1958), as exquisitely as its post-Webernian delicacy deserved. The contemplative if often melancholic mystique of later works, such as Fragmente aus Frühling (1987), Schattenblatter (1975), and especially the subdued Des Dichters Pflug (1989), testified amply to Huber's stature.

For the festival's final concert, given in St Paul's Hall by the London Sinfonietta under Diego Masson, the accent was on British music, though it ended with Xenakis's powerful Thailein (1984), Simon Bambridge's energetic Concerto in moto perpetuo (1983), Jonathan Lloyd's cleverly obsessive Walting for Gozo (1981), and Mark-Anthony Turnage's fe-rociously assertive, kaleidoscopic On All Fours (1985) — sat beside something new, Colin Matthews's Contrafiow. Here a grittily energetic Scherzo and Trio is countered with a slow reprise in reverse that exposes deeper ramifications.

At the Royal College of Music, the RCM Twentieth Century Ensemble last Friday gave a bold concert under the direction of Timothy Bond and Edwin Roxburgh. There was a brave stab at Schoenberg's First Chamber Symphony and a strong reading of Messiaen's La Ville d'en haut (Hua Lin Cheng was the solo pianist). But the chief interest lay in the first performance of John Lambert's Accents, the fourth of an intended set of five chamber concertos collectively entitled Sea-Change, ideally to be performed at one sitting. Lambert, now in his sixties, has no publisher, and insufficient performances to his name. As Accents showed in its complex transformations of rhythm and tempo, he has much to say and he says it with courageous lack of compromise.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Breaking point

LIAL. Walson's incisively written play ontrasts the impersonal process of the law with the heartache of the human problems it addresses. He recals the passions that seethe under the smooth phrases of officialdon, and the tragedy underlying the arid words of a divorce.

The four actors are on stage throughout, divided into couples. Sally and Paul are breaking up, each sit with a lawyer, she with an avancular traditionalist, he with a sleek whiz-kid woman solicitor who frequenty refers to the vast sums

her client is paying to get the best. Sian Edwards's direction for Trampoine Productions has the confidence to keep movement. lighting diects and over theatricality to a minimum. The estranged couple ocusionally prowl the stage. sometimes meet; but the drama comes from the relationship recolkeeted not in tranquillity but fury. hafilement and resignation; and, a descant d irony, the solicitors' letters to each other; formal, sometimes tetch within the conventions

of legal larguage.
Two important characters are constantly referred to but unseen:

Six Fools Old Red Lion, Islington

the children whose welfare is used as a tool, a weapon, a currency for barter as their parents gore and harry each other.

Here the play's intended impact is slightly blunted, since the parents are genuinely concerned for their daughters. One can only wish all marital splits showed as much love for the children.

This is thanks largely to the playing of Julia Watson, whose Sally is a woman distraught with grief, spitting out the venom that bespeaks wounded love. The au-thor is painfully accurate on how jealousy demeans. Benny Young's adulterous Paul conveys the ecstasy and agony of middle age sexually infamated with youth then abandoned by it, though he is the victim of some pseudo-poetic writing and a needless twist of the plot.

MARTIN HOYLE



Julia Watson plays Sally, "a woman distraught with grief, spating out the venom that bespeaks wounded love."

DANCE: Nadine Meisner on Modern Living

Well travelled partners

THE danker Lauren Potter was approached first, by Nottinghamshire County Council's New Arts Work commissioning programme. They invited her to join in a creative collaboration with two jazz composer-musicians, the saxophonist Andy Sheppard and Brazilian percussionist Nana Vasconcelos. But what about a choreographer? She suggested Jonathan Lunn, with whom she had often worked

The result brings together top-notch artists and calls itself Modern Living. Premiered in Nottingham, it is in Birmingham (Midland Arts Centre) tonight and tomorrow, and reaches the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Saturday and Sunday. At the Gardner Centre, Brighton, where I saw it, the sense was of a completely equal partnership, with the musi-cians prominently active on stage. They move around and play a medley of instruments: unidentifiable wind ones for Sheppard as well as his ordinary saxophone, an even more extraordinary range for Vasconcelos, who manufactures bravura sounds with drums, metallic objects and his own voice and

The two men are supplemented by Steve Lodder who sits with his synthesizer behind a cut-out window in the back wall. Peter Munford's set transforms the stage floor into a flar central square surrounded on three sides by a tilted ramp. The dancers enter and leave through a back door or, in the case Carole Glover.

of Jordi Cories Molina, along a

ledge.

Molina is the first dancer on stage, arriving to sort through a precarious mound of office files. Supple and expressive, he is one of a quartet of excellent dancers. There is Lunn himself, Kerry Woodward whose long, classical lines are exploited in dancerly solos; and Potter. Her state of early pregnancy in no way detracts from her gift for legible graphic shapes.

Lunn's choreography reveals another facet of his preoccupation with communication: he treats movement almost as a form of speech. The vocabulary looks more gestural than anything he has done before, everyday movements accumulating into elaborate edifices. An ensemble set-piece that ends the first half is a tour de force, the dancers sitting round a table and unravelling their movements like a conversation. Intermittently they all lift their faces upwards. as though following the passage of an airplane, the music evoking a soaring engine.

At times either the dance or the music stands on its own. When the two come together, though, the close creative rapport is evident. Modern Living is a perfect fusion of sight, sound and movement that offers the extra pleasure of live interaction on stage. Accompanying performances is an exhibition of drawings of the rehearsals by

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Jurdi Cortes Molina: Supple and expressive, he enters along a ledge, to sum through a precurious mound of office files

CAROUSEL: The National's new production of the Rodgers & Harmerstein musical, the first important London showing since 1950 Nicholas Hymer directs; choreography by the late Sir Kenneth MacAkillar, Michael Hayden heads the cast. National (Lyttelton), South Benk, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Previewe from lonight, 7.30pm, opens Dec 10, 7pm.

CYRANO DE SERCIETAC: The swashbucking hero is celebrated in a new version of the tamous Rostand tale directed by Elijah Moshinsky, Robert Lindsay plays are and distance lover. Theather Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930-8800). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; open Dec 14, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, Lindsay plays the long-nosed, long-

TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS": Toby Robertson's production of Pinero's engaging comedy about theetre folk in mid-Victorian London. Sarah Saghman as Rose Trelawny, a star of Sadler's Wells who leaves the theatre to many an enstocrat, heads a terrific cast which includes Michael Hordem as Sir

ANNIE GET YOUR GUIL IVING Berlin's pre-feminist musical is no mode for a Ninebes women but the songs are or of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5987). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Trurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 180mhr.

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the hospital common room; metron nutraged; doctors flummored. Ray Cooney larce with lots of laughts.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue,
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Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin
Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing"
melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-MM 5085). Mon-Set, 7,45pm, mess Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm, 165mins.

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CURRENT

THE CTYING GAME (18) IRA gunnan becomes obsessed with a hostage's girthend Bold, powerful Net Jordan film that letters at the close. Stars Stephen Fea, Forest Whitelier, Jaye Davidson, Mirande Pilchardson,

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment

William Gower, Helena Bonham-Center as Imogen Perrott and Jason Connery as Arthur Gower (the artetocraf Rose fails in love with).

Cozzedy, Parnton Street, SW1 (771-857-1045) Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens Dec 7, 7pm; then Monset, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. THE GHOST TRAIN: Amold Ridley's relivery station one dark and relivery night.
With Bill Oddie and Aden Giller.
Lyric Hamassersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, met Sat, 4pm.

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REGIONAL BURNINGHAM: Peter Wright's production of The Nutcracker for the Birmingham Royal Ballet — the fine version of Tchallousky's ballet to be lound in Britain — returns to the Birmingham Happotonne for a three-week season which rune unell December 19.

Pecember 19.
Hippodrame, Hurst Street (021-622
7486). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mais Thurs,
2pm, Sat, 2.30pm. High WYCONIBE: Opera 80 has changed its name to English Touring Opera, but the arm remains the same: to take small-scale opera productions to

THEATRE GUIDE

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Gerald Harney and Marie

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and 8.45cm, 135mins. ☐ RADIO TRATES: Tony Stationy in a iun trio down Memory Lane, set in

VOICE-Alexon Seadmen and Jane Horrods in Jim Carburghi's play about a dry grif excepting her muscus mother ingenious but incredible. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8409). Mon-Set, 8pm, met Set, 4pm.

opera deprivation. This season's repertoire consists of Verdi's last gree répertoire conseste al Verd's lest greet open, Falstaff (Wed, Fri), performed in Amanda Holden's effective English translation (the one used at ENO), in a new production by Tim Hopkins, conducted by Shephan Barlow, and a revival of Saphan Medical's Don Govern's (Tues, Thurs, Sat). Wycombe Swam, St Mary's Sareat MAD 412070, page 7, 3 form. complied by Karl Knight

Wycombe Swan, St Mary (0494 512000), eves, 7,30 NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE- Rember NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: Rambards Dance Company offers two separate programmes leaturing the company premiere of Mark Balchaft's Gone — described as a charming and with piece, performed to a set of plane sulface by Echard Grieg — and Sobhan Davles's Winsboro Cottom Mill Blues, a plece for len dancers', set to plane musto by Frederick Roweld, combining the blues with the sound of texter miles. Theatire Royal, 100 Grey Street (631– 232 2061), tongrid-Sat, 7:30pm.

232 2051), longin-ser. 7 supm.
OXPORD: If staining the age of 50 is the qualification for 8 mc-8re retrospective, 68 Jackin has just belowly enved in the opin class. This retrospective, Urban Portratts, New York 1986-1982, is confined to his sich, powerful and disturbing work of the last seven years sport in New York.
Museum of Modern Art, 30 Permbroke Street (0867-72808), Tues-Set, 10am-8pm (Truxs to Sprin), Sun, 2-8pm. Until Jan 10, 1983.

SOUTHAMEPTON: Welch National Opens stops in Birmingham this week. The loaring reporture includes a relival of Gles Havergal's The Barber of Seville (Thurs): David Aldern's admired new production of the Strauss opers Beldiss, conducted on Wednesday by the talersed Carlo Rizzi and with Janet Herdy in the title role (on Selunday, Anthony Negus conductas); and Puccini's Tosse, conducted by Julian Smith and with Anne Heath Welch in the leading role (tonght, Fri). Meyflower Theatre, Commercial Road (1703 229771), eves, 7 15pm. SOUTHAMPTON: Welch Hational

Strand, Akiwych, WC2 (071-930 9800). Mort-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mms.

Geraid Harper and Wilfam Gaunt play come witers who fall out and pit their wicked wits against each other: run-ofthe-mill thriller. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-887 1119). Mon-Fri, Spm. Set, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm, 120mine. MACGETH/THE TEMPEST: English Shakespeare Company with its latest modernish-dress productions: Tony Haygarth as the ambitious laird;

CUR SONG: Paint O'Took by Mich man's point of view, Apollo, Shafesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 8pm

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EDINBURGH THEATRE: Martin Hoyle commends an extraordinary Canadian import

Nerve-ends and raw emotions

Unidentified Human Remains

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THE programme quotes a guide-book's dismissive description of Edmonton. Alberta, the apparent epitome of North American provincialism. noted only for its shopping mall. But if Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love, originally developed by Workshop West Theatre, is indicative of the town's dramatic output, I wish London could be so provincial. Congratulations to Edinburgh for spotting this extraordinary piece by Brad Fraser, one of Canada's most controversial playwrights, and to the new Traverse for its most gripping

production yet.

The play deals with the nerve ends of love and friendship and the raw area between; love between man and woman, man and man, woman and woman. Wry, frightened, angry or hopeful, they stalk the city in search of one another and themselves. Meanwhile, a serial killer is loose, raping, murdering and mutilating. Here is another evocation of the late 20th century urban nightworld and the beasts that prowl there, the weird passions festering beneath small-town normality: a dash of Blue Velvet, the hint of a less surreal Twin Peaks, but with a flavour all its own.

David is gay. He shares a flat with straight Candy who attracts both a local barman and lesbian Jerri. An exactor working as a waiter, David fills his emotional emptiness with casual sex and a loving friendship with Bernie, a married man with sadistic



The nerve-ends of love and friendship: (left to right) Irene Macdougall, Dougray Scott and Kenneth Bryans

tendencies towards women. Another reverts to the proscenium arch but still friend. Benita, is a telepathic whore who can read her clients' minds as she services them and confirms the identity of the killer. She also acts as a kind of chorus, sporadically regaling us, as in a refrain, with those urban myths that have replaced the Grimms as our favourite bedtime chillers: courting couples dogged by homicidal maniacs, or babysitters inadvertently locked in with escaped killers.

A film version is forthcoming, but it makes totally absorbing theatre. Ian Brown's sombrely powerful production

achieves a cinematic flexibility with sporlights focusing on individuals as they comment to the audience or cutting from one speaker to another. The dark obverse of everyday life is emphasised perhaps too much. On the page, I suspect David's flip wit indi-cates a lighter touch. As it is, the comedy of a scene where Candy's male and female admirers unexpectedly converge to the amusement of her flarmate comes as a grinding gear change of mood.

This is a minor flaw in an absorbing

production. (I have seldom seen John Knox's compatriots so breathlessly rapt as on the first night.) There is no weak link in a terrific cast with pretty good transatlantic accents but among the seekers after love Dougray Scott's David is a vivid mixture of cynicism, put-down bitchery and aching hopefulness; Irene Macdougall's telepathic tart has tense dignity. Charlotte Jones is touching as the lesbian who loves Lesley Vickerage's uncommitted Can-dy, and Tom Smith's mixture of heroworship and sexual bewilderment is just right for David's teenage fan.

Bright lights, bikes and orchestral brilliance

"Tender is the North" festival came a glowing point of light: a new orchestral work by the 34-year-old Finn Magnus Lindberg, commissioned by the BBC and given its world premiere on Friday

by the BBC Symphony Orchestra-under Andrew Davis. Corrente II (the full orchestral version of an earlier Corrente for 16 players) is an important marker post in the composer's output, and as such made a resonant contribution to a festival hitherto lacking in outstanding new works. Corrente II has an author-

ity and definition not heard before. Lindberg's recent works - the piano concerto among them — have circled round chains of chords, their material transforming itself in what the composer describes as "a very gestural way". Now gesture is gone, the chaconne principle abandoned. Instead harmony is accumulated, through scale aggregations and combinations, and given impetus through rhythmic patterns kaleidoscopic in

The result is a kind of extended meditation on the nature of reverberation itself. Oscillation rose into hyperactivity, and back into tense stasis; individual instruments -- glockenspiel, sound of a powerful motorbike revving

MARISS Jansons, the newly appoint-

ed principal guest conductor of the London Philharmonic, likes to keep an

orchestra on its toes. He cannot be

guaranteed to do any passage the same

way in concert as in rehearsal, and he is

celebrated for his ability to pull out something new at the performance. The result, in his concert with the orchestra at the Festival Hall on

Saturday night, was electrifying. We-

ber's Oberon overture began with horn

call and muted strings conjuring up a

magical atmosphere, before the main

Allegro took off as though jet-pro-pelled. In technical terms, one knew

that the music's airborne quality was

achieved by exceptionally buoyant

AT THE centre of the Barbican's CONCERTS: Hilary Finch on the continuing festival of Scandinavian music and culture at the Barbican

violin, harp — surface as if in a momentary cadenza, only to become the seed of orchestral re-generation. Lindberg likens the sensation to "a landscape viewed from different distances": details emerge in close focus then retreat to be seen in a broader

There could scarcely have been a better foil to the Lindberg than Jan Sandstrom's Trombone Concerto. One of the most frequently played new works in Sweden, where the piece has something of a cuit following, it was receiving its British premiere at the Barbican. Word has obviously got around. A sizeable delegation of leather-ciad supporters spread themselves among the more sober entrepreneurial and ambassadorial sectors of the audience to greet the soloist, Christian Lindberg, also clad in heavy motorcy-

cle gear from top to toe. For, in this concerto, written by the ex-minimalist professor from Pitea, trombone is bike and bike is hero. On a chance discovery that the trombone can, with absurd accuracy, imitate the

film epic — War and Peace, perhaps — with individual areas of confrontation

up. Sandstrom found the way to link four soundscapes, each of which, in turn, make considerable demands on the technique and aural imagination of the player.

The bike roars round the swamps of Florida, to Catholic Provence, on to Aboriginal Australia and back again. Much tut-tutting was heard, much pursing of the lips was evident. But this concerto - more a suite, really concealed some highly artful and imaginative writing beneath the audacious wit and shameless ego projection of its exterior. What is more, it was unalloyed fun from start to finish, and that is a quality not to be under-valued. in this festival. The overture from Nielsen's opera Maskarade had, not inappropriately, begun the concert.

ON SATURDAY, Simon Rattle was to take up the challenge of another Sixth Symphony. The easeful joy in writing which characterises Nielsen's opera is seen in heavy quotation-marks in this ironically named "Sinfonia Semplice". Rattle and the City of

seemed still to be exploring, striving to come to terms with its black humour and its deliberate dislocations. If anything, it made the orchestra's performance the more compelling.

This concert, the last of Rattle's concentrated and revelatory Nielsen cycle, twinned the Sixth with the Fifth. Here, the very passion of Nielsen's struggle to maintain order and vitality in the shadow of musical and social disruption stimulated the CBSO to their finest playing.

As Nielsen ended, so Sibelius began. Sir Colin Davis and the London Symphony Orchestra not only recreate the characteristically organic quality of Sibelius's writing with excitement and conviction, but, inspired by Sir Colin, seemed to track down and become one with the innermost energies which motivate it. The Third and First Symphonies which started this festival cycle flanked two of the composer's orchestral songs, sung powerfully by Karita Mattila. The Evening" was followed by the extraordinary and under-played Luonnotar, part of the Kalevala's creation myth. and unique in the flexibility and rarefied evocation of its setting.

Unpredictable pleasures

performance into a sphere of its own. A similar sense of immediacy, of music LPO/Jansons

Festival Hall being made on the wing, informed Richard Strauss's autobiographical tone poem, Ein Heldenleben. The section entitled "The Hero's Battlefield", in which the composer-hero struggles against his critical adversaries, was a particularly graphic enactment. Not so much a battle as all-out war, this section had the quality of a

One does not have to be a member of the thoroughly

trounced critical fraterrity to feel that this is Strauss at his most self-indulgent and therefore not at his most convincing. But Jansons's full-blooded interpretation entered, as one must, into the spirit of the piece with utter conviction. He was still able, elsewhere, to bring his fine ear and discriminating judgment to bear. "The Hero's Helpmate", a depiction of the composer's wife, was by turns tender and capricious. The solo violin playing underlying passions. - -

leader, Joakim Svenheden, in this section, was commendably accurate, if

rather too cool. In Mozart's Piano Concerto K 491 in C minor, Jansons's characteristic spontaneity was nicely offset by the more cerebral approach of the soloist. Stephen Kovacevich. Not that the latter's playing was uninvolving. Rather, he allowed a dynamic sense of drama to emerge from a tight rational control. Eschewing sentimentality and other superfluous displays, Kovacevich nevertheless forged a powerful erno-tional bond with orchestra and conductor that projected this unique work with a fine feeling for its dark.

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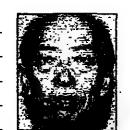
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A Tempest from Japan: Yukio Ninagawa brings his Noh-inspired

Shakespeare to London



Line up for the festive turkey trot

Christmas is coming and the bookmakers are taking bets on which record will be this year's seasonal No 1. David Sinclair sorts the runners from the non-starters

U CHRISTMAS OUDS

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In My Defence (9/4 favourite)

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I Will Always Love You

ack in the summer of 1942 Irving Berlin sat at the piano and played his new composition to Bing Crosby. Crosby removed his pipe and gave a typically laconic verdict:
"This one you don't have to worry about." The song was "White Christmas", and Crosby was right.

Some estimates put its worldwide sales as high as 30 million copies; only Michael Jackson's album Thriller has sold more. And since its release, singers, songwriters and record company strategists have never stopped seeing a glimpse of

Eldorado in the prospect of a Christmas hit. In Britain speculation as to what will be the Christmas No 1 has become a national pastime. 1980s, the bookmakers William Hill have given odds on which song will top the chart during The total amount

Christmas week likely to be wagered this year will be in the region of £50,000, a sum broadly comparable to that gambled on the Booker Prize or the Oscars, although a drop in Strangely, the keener the inter-

est in predicting which single will top the chart at Christmas, the fewer songs with an overtly seasonal message seem to appear in the running. True, Cliff Richard has romped home in recent years with two of the most nauseatingly slushy Christmas songs ever penned ("Mistletoe and Wine" in 1988 and "Saviour's Day" in 1990). But of this year's main contenders it is only his "I Still Believe In You" which makes any reference whatsoever to Christmas.

But there are certain ingredients which are traditionally required of the most successful song at Christ-mas. A tragedy is good for business at any time of the year, but seems to acquire a special resonance during the festive season. Freddie Mercury

is currently favourite to prevail in 1992 with "In My Defence", a spectacularly mawkish tune from the musical Time, released on the first anniversary of his death.

Indeed, the Grim Reaper is a far more reliable harbinger of the Christmas No I than Santa Claus. Last year, William Hill wisely closed the book as soon as it was announced that, in the wake of Mercury's demise. Queen would be releasing "Bohemian Rhapsody" with all proceeds going to charity. Death and the charitable instinct

were in large part responsible for

the staggering success of Band Aid's "Do They Know It's Christmas?" in 1984. Thanks to the blanket success of this song, hungry mouths were fed and the bookles suffered their worst result ever. In Britain it has eclipsed even "White Christmas", and with sales in excess of 3.500.000 remains far and away this country's biggest-sell-

ing single to date. In 1989 a different cast, Band Aid II, revived "Do They Know It's Christmas?" and it topped the chart again. But Michael Jackson's "Heal The

World" which conforms most closely to the universal message-cum-charity-song ste-

Novelty records traditionally fare well at Christmas, and it could well be the musclebound hulks of the World Wrestling Federation Superstars — a sort of human equivalent of the Mutant Ninja Turtles — who take the honours this year with a suitably inane Stock/Watermanproduced rap-mantra called "Slam Jam". On the other hand the nostalgia card is always a strong one to play, and Jason Donovan has not spared the horses in his breathless bid to drive a reheated version of the Herman Hupfeld standard "As Time Goes By" (from the movie Casablanca) to the top. Who is buying all this stuff?



Freddie Mercury: 9/4 favourite for a Christmas No 1 with "In My Defence", a spectacularly mawkish tune from the musical Time

Unlike the album market, where there is a huge upturn in sales in the run-up to Christmas (40 per cent of last year's album sales took place during the last quarter) sales of singles remain fairly constant throughout the year (28 per cent during the last quarter of 1991). But, as one record company representative candidly explained: "An army of gift-hunting, Daily Star-reading Cls and C2s is on the march, all keen to make their only record purchases of the year."

Contrary to popular belief, sales of singles are once again increasing at a steady rate (currently up 12 per cent on this time last year, an astonishing upturn, given the reces-

sion) and the awful thought occurs that the Christmas chart might be a truer reflection of "real" public taste than the charts for the rest of the year. Anecdotal evidence has long suggested the existence of a huge market of potential buyers with middle-of-the-road tastes who are poorly serviced by the music inclustry and the media alike. They listen to Radio 2 and have helped to make records by Bryan Adams and Extreme even bigger hits than they would have been anyway. Perhaps Christmas is the one time of the year when they finally get their say. If so, who will be the people's choice of 1992? Although I har-

bour a sneaking admiration for

Rod Stewart's highly calculated version of "Tom Traubert's Blues" (an old Tom Waits song), dispassionate analysis of the field reveals that the record which most closely conforms to all the requirements of a Christmas No 1 is Nick Cave & Shane MacGowan's version of the

Louis Armstrong song "What A Wonderful World". The novel combination of the turnine Australian and the dentally-challenged ex-Pogues frontman is a pairing in the grand tradition of festively convened duos like David Bowie and Bing Crosby ("Peace On Earth/Little Drummer Boy": 1982) and Roger Whittaker and Des O'Connor ("The Skye

Boat Song": 1986). The song itself has a suitably nostalgic cachet and its lyric chimes with the season of

elleged good will. But it is the final element of tragedy, furnished by the monu-mentally inept performance itself, which could well make this a surprise winner. Tunelessly mumbling, croaking and wheezing their way through the song like two old soaks at the wrong end of a karaoke evening, Cave and MacGowan evoke a horrific yet fascinating splendour that could well provoke the kind of massive charitable outpouring not witnessed since the days of Band Aid. At odds of 33/1 it could be worth a flutter.

TELEVISION

Ideals without a home

hatever else Lady Thatcher did for British television, she certainly left its documentary-makers plenty to be getting on with. Hardly a week passes these days without a "Britain divided" film of one kind or another, over which the social policies of the deposed prime minister always cast an implicit shadow. Underclass television has

become a genre in its own right.

Last night's World In Action,
Who cares? (ITV), was an honourable example of the format, transcending its sloppy title to shed intelligent light on the fate of the leaving one Sententers children leaving care. Seven young people aged 16 and 17 were tracked through a year of difficult adjustment from institutional life to unsteady independence. As an insight into the life chances of the 8.000 children in the same situstion, this was depressing viewing.

On leaving care, Paul, one of the seven, had been given a council flat and a £500 furnishing grant. The wood was rotten, the windows blown in and the heating broken. but this did not seem to diminish the sudden thrill of self-sufficiency. He talked with unconstrained optimism about becoming a business man and buying his own place. By the end of the programme, however, Paul was under 24-hour supervision, driven out of the estate by sexual abuse. The council was sympathetic; but he was clearly back to square one.

Here, in a mundane setting, was Primo Levi's grim division of humanity into the drowned and the saved. On the one side of the divide was Genevieve, proud of the stark high-rise flat which she had turned into a real home, and raring to go

on college courses.

On the other stood the forlorn figure of Darren who predicted calmly that in a year he would be "locked up somewhere". Asked what his hopes were as he dragged himself out of another temporary bed, he said: "To get something better sorted out for Friday". By Friday, he was sleeping on a park drugs and crime.

Local authorities are required by the Children Act to monitor careleavers but World in Action's own survey found that 73 per cent of councils could not afford to do so. That is an alarming tigure which next week's follow-up programme would do well to analyse: how does it compare with government

claims, and how could current spending be made more efficient? But I was more struck by the language which these teenagers spoke they wanted to buy their own homes, support their own families. start their own businesses. They were, in fact. Thatcher's children. full of the ideals which she impressed on this nation, but wondering what on earth they were supposed to do next.

MATTHEW D'ANCONA

Angela Wigglesworth on a new work of art commissioned for Hereford Cathedral

Crowning the cathedral's glory

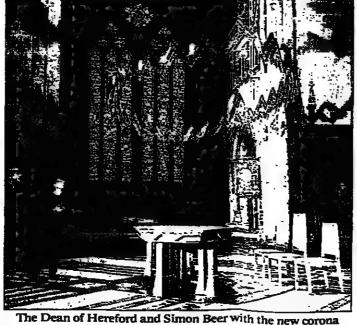
few years ago Hereford Cathedral received a legacy from Dorothy Strong, Sir Roy Strong's sister, to buy a work of art to hang in the cathedral. It launched a national competition to find one, with a £50,000 prize for the winner and, from more than 20 entries, chose a design for an 18ft by 9ft oval corona (or crown) set with candles, to be suspended high above the sanctuary altar. It was submitted by a 36-year-old

silversmith, Simon Beer, and is the first corona to be made for a cathedral this century. There will be a service of dedication for it in the cathedral on Saturday. "I feit I was a real outside horse."

Beer admitted from his workshop in Lewes, East Sussex. "I'd made teapots, chalices, rings, cutlery and an Amnesty candlestick in Salisbury Cathedral, but nothing higher than 2ft."

The brief was for a work of art "to convey a transcendent message of radiance, joy, hope and confi-dence and the idea had come from the late Bishop of Hereford, John Eastaugh, who felt the cathedral lacked any "prominent manifestation of joy". Dorothy Strong's legacy made the competition possible and in March 1991, two years the Rishon's death, the after the Bishop's death, the Friends and the Dean set up a working party, which included experts in ecclesiastical art, to recommend an artist from a range

John Champion, chairman of the Friends, explained why they chose Beer's design. "Whereas



other entries - large paintings and sculpture — seemed to overpower the cathedral, the corona had a kind of transparency and lightness which enhanced it. It also had a feeling of hope and joy which was

the object of the exercise."

Beer said the idea of a crown had come to him in the cathedral itself. When I first went there, I was completely overwhelmed. It was so big and splendid and I was very ing a work of art for it." But on a subsequent visit, he went to Evensong and walked around the building to get the feel of its space and

It was then, he said, "that the thing started to gel. I think it was the shape of the Romanesque arches and decorative stonework that gave me the idea of a crown. Later, I began to think of it as part of the stonework itself, just not so dense; something that let the light

corona reflecting the cathedral, bright in places, dark in others." It took six months to make the crown of double-decked metal chevron links in gold and silver finishes. and it will be suspended from the cathedral roof by almost invisible steel threads; but it took 18 months for the Friends to steer the design through numerous cathedral committees whose approval was essential. At the last minute, there was concern about wax dripping from the candles and Beer fixed up a trial sample. The committee came to see it and I knew in two minutes all was well. They just said 'fine' and walked off to discuss the next item on their agenda. It was almost an

The chance to research something so deeply has been immensely enjoyable, says Beer, a Freeman of the City of London and of the Worshipful Company of Gold-smiths. "I've also been very touched by the degree of hope and belief from those who commissioned

Now, he says, he cannot wait to get the corona hung, and walk out of the cathedral knowing his re-sponsibility for it is finished. "Then I'd like to go back and look at it objectively as a visitor would, sweeping away all the work that's gone into it. I was determined that would be good, of course, but there's always the surprise element at the end, with things you can't know about beforehand, like its reflective qualities, how it feels, and whether it does work."

Tutus, tights and tiaras for the Foreign Office carnival

FOREIGN Office mandarins are accustomed to executing nimble footwork, of course. But this Thursday, for the first time, they will be welcoming a real ballet company into their hallowed inner sanctum. English National Ballet is to hold a charity Nutcracker Ball there, in the presence of the Princess of Wales, to mark the 100th anniversary of Tchaikovsky's ballet, and to raise money for both itself and the Stepping Stones (Peto UK) Appeal

for cerebral palsy.

ENB is building a stage in the Durbar Court, the Foreign Office's inner covered courtyard. Under the stern gaze of the statues of Clive of India and Warren Hastings, the 300 guests, who will be paying 6500 each, will see highlights from ENB's production of The Nutcracker, with new costumes for the Waltz of the Flowers specially designed by fashion king Christian Lacroix for the occasion.

After dinner comes the Nutcracker Carnival, which draws on the history of the ballet to present authentic Chinese, Spanish and Arabian dances — not the more familiar choreographed versions we are used to from the ballet. The evening's finale features the Carnival of the Animals, choreographed by Wayne Sleep to specially com-missioned music by Pantellis Vassialkis. That will be performed by Sleep and students from the company's school. The Durbar Court, four storeys high and surrounded by balconies, has previously only ever been used for state functions. ENB's own production of The Nutcracker opens for its



traditional Christmas season at the Festival Hall on December 21.

 FRANK McGUINNESS's play Someone Who'll Watch Over Me opened on Broadway last week to mixed reviews, with the New York Times's chief theatre critic, Frank Rich, calling the hostage drama "sporadically amusing without being riveting, moving or particu-



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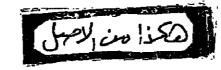
larly credible". But as was the case with another Irish play, Brian Friel's Dancing at Lughnasa, last autumn, Someone has one built-in advantage: as the first serious new play to open this season on Broadway, it may attract by de-fault what is left of New York's theatregoing public.

Fluff's finale

AFTER three decades, the cheery cry of "Greetings, pop pickers" will be silenced forever. Alan Freeman, one of the first BBC disc jockeys and, at 65, one of the longestlasting is to end his 30-year stint on Radio 1's weekly Pick of the Pops at the end of the year, although "Fluff" will continue with his Rock Show. The last of his Sunday-funchtime shows will be on December 27.

Last chance . . .

THE pre-Columbian civilisation of South America sometimes seems so remote that it might belong on another planet. But if the human content of the sculptures and other artefacts in 'The Art of Ancient Mexico" remains largely mysterious, there is no missing their extraordinary formal qualities and extreme sophistication of techniques. The interiors of the Hay-ward Gallery (071-928 3002) at the South Bank have been transformed to show them off to best advantage, and a show of Bridget Riley's work in the last decade is Christian Lacroix new frocks . thrown in for good measure. Both



MANAGEMENT

Staring back at Big Brother

Public scrutiny of

government

agencies will bring benefits to all, says

Edward Fennell

s the disclosures concerning sales to Iraq of machine tools with military applications continue to rock the trade and industry department, there is a certain irony in the fact that a couple of weeks ago an executive agency of the DTI, the National Physical Laboratory, won an award for its annual report to the public.

Designed to encourage efficiency in government, the publica-tion of annual reports by about 50 executive agencies was made obligatory three years ago as part of the "Next Steps" programme. Equally important, however, was the drive to expose the performance of civil servants to public scrutiny. It also removes the cloak of confidentiality from routine government services.

John Wynn, a partner with the accountants Price Waterhouse which organised the awards, says: The publication of annual reports by agencies marks an important step in openness by

The agencies have to release details of how they manage their finances and achieve (or fail to achieve) their targets. The significance of these disclosures goes beyond the reporting process itself. Supporters of "Next Steps" argue that annual reports embody the drive for governmental organisations to become more businesslike in their operations. They provide a constant reminder that every activity undertaken and all funds spent may have to stand examination from Parliament, the press and the public.

Such a stimulus helps to concentrate the mind marvellously. Dr Peter Clapham, the chief executive of the National Physical Laboratory, says: "In the old days, particularly in the 1960s when money was plentiful, it was pretty easy to obtain a new piece of



really needed. Now, however, everybody asks themselves whether such purchases are necessary in the context of the organisations' objectives.

Systematic target-setting and performance measurement are critical to the programme's effectiveness. If the annual reports are to have any value, then agencies must come clean about their failures as well as trumpeting

There is a lot to be admired in the honesty of this year's "Recruitment and Assessment Services" report, for example, which lists in detail 25 targets for 1991-2 and then concedes that nine of them were not achieved. In the catalogue of failure, even four of its six key targets were not reached. Its attempts to fill 5,000 vacancies

fell short by over 2,000. And rather than increasing its productivity by 6.8 per cent (as the target demanded) output actually fell by more than 9 per cent.

Such admissions, at this stage in the process, are not necessarily indications of organisational incompetence. In many cases, they may be the start of a new hardheadedness in setting realistic targets within the resources avail-

In general, the reports are still a little too complacent in tone. As Price Waterhouse commented in its analysis, many agencies are failing to produce a clear state-ment of their performance by comparison with their objectives.

"Taking the entries for the competition as a whole, the annual reports reveal that agen-cles manage to perform broadly

in line with their 1991-2 targets." Mr Wynn says. "But, at a time when private sector businesses are experiencing so much difficulty their apparently good overall performance suggests that they are not yet fully exposed to the

o, if the full benefits of "Next Steps" are to be realised, the quality of management within the agencies needs to be tightened still further, and better comparative measures must be provided

through the reporting system. Yet, despite foot-dragging by some agencies, supporters of the changes are confident that a genuine cultural turn-round is being achieved. And, to complement that change, Dr Clapham envisages that, over time, the agency reports will become increasingly like those of public

On the whole, company reports are positive and up-beat in style, but that is not always the case. When conditions deteriorate, then you expect to see that coming through. The same may apply to us. There could be a point in the future when I use my report to express anxieties about how things are going.'

Gloomy annual reports, however er, may not necessarily be bad news for the agencies. Those reports which demonstrate good husbandry but disappointing resuits should serve as a powerful public argument for increased resources. They might become rapiers for the agencies' defence rather than rods for their

We are worthy of our hire

The government's decision to restrict public-sector wage increases to 1.5 per cent in the 1993 pay round may cause more than short-term strife. It could also have the most damaging effect on the management of the public sector. and the performance of public services, an area which Majorism has claimed as its own.

When the Conservatives came to power in 1979, the power of the centre over pay and conditions in the public services was tyrannical. whether exercised by the Civil Service Department directly or by the Treasury in relation to the nationalised industries and local authorities. The terms and conditions of every public sector worker were minutely scrutinised.

Despite the hundreds of grades, each attracting its

own special terms of service, the arrangements were across public service, inflexible and orientated only towards career structures which except at the very top, inhibited achievement and innovation. Everyone received the going

COLIN FARRINGTON

Much of that has changed in the past 13 years, sometimes by accident and sometimes by design. Whatever the cause, both the Thatcher and Major governments have actively encouraged the substitution of regional and local pay-hargaining for national agreements, the recruitment of key people according to market rates, the loosening of controls from the centre through the establishment of independently-managed agencies, and, above all, the introduction of performance-related pay.

All this is now in reverse. The first signs of a sharp step back in government thinking were taken in the summer with the rejection of the Top Salaries Review Board report into the pay of senior civil servants and the judiciary.

After extensive research the review body came to the conclusion that salaries in the civil service from

under-secretary upwards were be-tween 39 and 45 per cent of the private sector market rate. However, the recommendations of the review board were rejected, and there are even those who believe that the 3 per cent increase agreed by the govern-ment from April 1993 is too much. But there are reasons deeper than

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immediate economic gains why we should be concerned about the government's deliberate decision to devalue the work of its own

In relation to the civil service, how can ministers look to advisers on whom they rely ever more heavily to protect them from the perils of their own policies, having, in the case of under secretaries, arbitrarily robbed them of their pay increases. Did ministers give no thought to

the impact of their decisions not only on current senior civil servants, but on those who are coming up thre ladder or who are being recruited? Now that the near-freeze has sector, what about the impact on midthe local authorities and the National Health Service?

Nor does the argument that public sector jobs are safe wash any longer. Cuts in central government will severely restrict promotion opportu-nities. Initial estimates suggest that about 12,000 jobs in the inner London boroughs alone will have to go over the next year, and that metropolitan authorities as diverse as Birmingham and Sheffield are said to be looking for large cuts in

With so little flexibility around an effective pay freeze, we run a real danger of returning to a new form of sclerosis in the public sector. With so little incentive, once the recession abates there is bound to be an exodus of the brightest and the best. That is the logic of the

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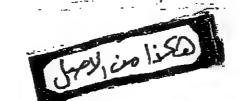
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osehaugh's demise will hardly boost con-fidence in the property market. Its bankers, having maintained it as one of the living dead for about 18 months, have decided on a decent burial just at the moment when interest rates have come down to a level at which it would not have got into trouble in the first place. The two are not incompatible, however. Godfrey Bradman may have brought fresh air and vision to the property market, but Rosehaugh, his financial creation, was never so significant or so well based. This was as glaring an example of the perils of keeping crucial assets and liabilities off the balance sheet as any accounting reformer would care to find.

Whether Rosehaugh was liquidated gradually by property professionals or more formally by insolvency professionals was largely a matter of convenience for its creditors. The spring debt rescheduling was not enough to allow Rosehaugh to trade its properties in a dead market. In the end, the banks, led by Bardays and NatWest, had to face the choice of injecting more funds to little purpose or calling a halt.

The consequences are unlikely to be severe. Rosehaugh's most important asset is its stake in Rosehaugh Stanhope Developments, developer of the rose-red City office district of Broadgate as well as the later Ludgate development, itself vast by most other standards. As an indication of scale, RSD's debts are more than three times Rosehaugh's. These important developments will continue, creating enduring assets of great value which can be refinanced in one form or another. There was however, little prospect of RSD producing income before 1994.

Stanhope, the very different partner in RSD, will not be helped by yesterday's events, but is not in such a weak position, having started earlier and built more of a portfolio of let buildings. Ironically, it might have been allowed to survive by the injection of funds from Olympia & York. Canary Wharf, O&Y's even more visionary development in Docklands, has yet to prove itself, but probably will. In the property business, vision was never a guarantee of financial returns. Rosehaugh's enduring legacy is its contribution to the City's position as a world financial centre.

Missing the point

mstrad, for which read Alan Sugar, is attempting to bring forward the hearing of a A court action that aims to delay its planned extraordinary meeting on December 10. You can see the point. If it is not certain that the meeting will go ahead until a couple of days beforehand, shareholders may not be inclined to concentrate their minds on the issue. They have to decide whether to approve the scheme that would allow Mr Sugar to buy out public shareholders at well below the value of assets attested by the Amstrad board and its auditors, or face an uncertain future.

The concern of the Amstrad board misses the point, however. This is not a matter of timing but of the advice available to shareholders. The board collectively commissioned Kleinwort Benson, which advised it that shareholders seemed unlikely to get more than Mr Sugar was offering by liquidating the third option, that shareholders should find new management, was not addressed as comprehensively and independently as many outside shareholders might want.

That may seem absurd to the existing board, which is identified wholly with management, but that is hardly the point. Rather than assuming dissident shareholders have wilfully misunderstood his thinking, Mr Sugar would do better, even at this late stage, to commission independent advice on their behalf.

EUROPEAN VIEW

The final harvest approaches for France's army of small farmers

Wolfgang Münchau

sees cold comfort

ahead for French

agriculture and

draws a parallel with Britain's miners

he television pictures are only too familiar. Demonstrators are throwing petrol bombs at police in the heart of Paris. Elsewhere in the country roads are illegally blocked off. British lorries are being been stopped and some are overturned. A union flag is thrown into a bonfire, while street signs bearing Anglo-Saxon sounding names are torn down.

Images of French farmers, especially when they are not farming, conjure up violent emotions even among the otherwise placid. The French farmer is Europe's undisputed hogeyman, a symbol for everything that is wrong with the common agricultural policy (CAP) or even with the EC at large. Outside France, the farmer has few friends, apart from other Europeans farmers. But that does not count.

The French farmers are held solely responsible for the hopeless deadlock in the world trade talks in Geneva under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). Worse still, they are more than just a public order problem, and enjoy tacit support from the French government and the main opposition parties. So the yobbery is institutional. A poll last week showed that 82 per cent of the French population back the farmers. The world trade treaty, meanwhile, re-mains on hold and with it the promise of newly unleashed trade - some claim \$200 billion worth - in services, agriculture and textiles. This is a large price to pay by anybody's standards in order to keep a few thugs off the road for a few more days

French farmers may have a history of militancy, but the recent proliferation of protests indicate more fundamental forces may be at work here. The rise in militancy is frequently a sign that an industry's lifecyle is nearing its end, while the workers, and frequently the management, too, are fighting against the inevitable. The present outbreak of violence may be nothing other than a frantic last gasp before death sets in, similar to the British miners' strike in 1984, arguably the last time when miners

It must be clear by now that at the end of the 20th century, there no longer exists a sound macroeconomic case for subsidising small farms in their present form and on the present scale, and certainly not through the price mechanism. This formulation contains a few qualifications: one is that the environmental protection of land, cultivated and cared for by farmers, constitutes a "common" good and therefore carrries a price



Road to nowhere: despite protests by French farmers, economic forces suggest they are fighting a losing battle

which needs to be paid for by the community at large. In addition to this, there are social, geographical and demographic issues involved. Hence, the idea of a complete free unsubsidised market for farm products is as unrealistic as was the oldstyle CAP. It would not be a serious liternative to the present regime.

But however hard one tries to juggle the figures and emphasise the common good element, there is no question that the benefits of a world trade deal would outweigh the combined economic benefits of small farming, possibly but not certainly even for France itself. France's manufacturing and service industry would n moin a Ge ment, but the extent to which it would gain will depend on the detail of the eventual treaty. The only certain element would be a drop in agricultural exports, which are responsible for the existence of a French trade surplus, as the pétrole vert is responsible for a monthly trade surplus of Fr4-5 billion. This is about the most impressive figure the French farm lobby can demonstrate in support of the agricultural sector's direct effect

on the economy. But what is far more interesting — and far less certain are the wider and less direct economic implications that further structural changes in the agricultural system would bring about. The main question therefore is not whether it is desirable to change the system (which it is) but how this change should be accomplished. It is therefore not a question of grand principles, such as industrial life-cycles, but a question of economic management under

he same problems of transition management arise, in charge of managing an eastern European reform economy. A smaller-scale comparison would be the management of the British coal industry. In each case the outcome is more predictable than the means to achieve it and the route to get there. For the French farming sector the concept of structural change is not new. Since 1970, the agricultural working population has almost halved to about 1.5 million, around 6 per cent of the workforce.

But the bias towards small farming has remained. Of the 900,000 farms left, about 38 per cent are less than 10 hectares (24.7 acres), but occupy only 4 per cent of agricultural land. The size of the average farm is 28 hectares, less than half the size of the average British farm.

The main positive development since the 1970s is export periormance. In 1970, French agriculture, including wine and processed foods, recorded a small trade deficit of Fr400 million. Since then it has moved into surplus, last year Fr45 billion, of which Fr42 billion went to

the rest of the EC The strong trade surplus is now L DIST DOM THE RECORD IN the CAP, which has been accepted by the French government, and then from the bilateral EC-US farm deal; which will form a crucial component in an eventual Gatt agreement. On this point, Pierre Beregovoy, the French prime minister, has threatened a "veto at every stage". The crucial and controversial point is the stipulated 21 per cent cut in subsidised EC exports and an overall 36 per cent reduction in export subsidies

spent by the commission. This, the French government believes, would drive several hundred thousand

small farmers out of busines Over time, this will probably be inevitable. So why should the public sustain industries such as small-scale agriculture, if it are doomed anyway? The answer is that there exist sound economic reasons to manage the process of transition in a more delicate and gradual manner. One might want to draw an analogy with British coal industry. Both industries are nearing the end of their economic life cycles, both are desperately fighting against the inevitable, and both have a history of militancy.

The recent controversy surrounding pit closures shows too clearly that the public largely sympathises with the miners who are affected by the changes. During the British debate the point was made that a pit closure could seal the fate not merely of the miners affected by the redundancies, and their families, but also some of a whole village or region, with all the knock-on effects for local shops and other suppliers. There was a widespread recognition that pit closures, if they are necessary, should be accompanied with measures designed to prevent a total collapse of the social and regional structures.

multiplier effect sets in. The multiplier is a measure of the accumulated economic knock-on effects, but is generally difficult if not impossible to predict. A vivid example of a knockon effect that has gone out of control is the economic reform process in eastern Germany, where naïvely am-bitious privatisation zeal has led to the demise first of companies and then of industries.

Had it not been for the generous financial transfers from Bonn, the economy at large would have collapsed, including otherwise healthy enterprises and industries. Whether the issue is the transition of a whole economy or of a particular sector, such as British coal, German steel or French agriculture, the principle remains the same: the success behind transition is never rampant enthusiasm but careful management. So the first necessity for the successful implementation of any such measures is to give time to allow those affected and he government to prepare.

If there is a compromise in the end, the time of transition, generous compensation and employment training will almost certainly form part of any package. Given what is at stake, the odds must still favour a Gatt agree veto. Ray MacSharry, the European agricultural commissioner cfinched the EC-US trade deal, complained last week that European governments were surrendering to "determined sectional forces at the expense of the more general interests." His frustration is understandable,

but there can equally be no doubt that in the end the small lose out. The French government's shenanigans may in the end not amount to much

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A family affair

SIR Patrick Sergeant, former

City Editor of the Daily Mail and founder of Euromoney, was last night attending the private viewing of an exhibition of paintings by his wife Gilly. Entitled From Three Continents, the 46 pictures are on display at the Leighton House Museum in Kensington and are Lady Sergeant's first public exhibition in 25 years. In recent times, most artistic prizes in the family have gone to Sergeant's acclaimed daughter. Emma, one of Britain's most successful young artists, said to command up to £10,000 for her portraits. Sergeant admits his daughter's reputation "does make it very difficult" for his wife to exhibit but says the two are close. They encourage and criticise each other and universally agree my views are not worth having." Sergeant also reveals that he has now had two sittings for his own portrait, com-missioned from his daughter by the board of Euromoney. Sir Patrick stood down as chairman in October but remains a non-executive director. The portrait will hang in Euromoney's boardroom. "I think it's looking pretty good but then I'm hardly unbiased, am I?" he says.

Windsor warmer

IF THE Queen has any troulf THE Queen has any trou-ble sleeping at the thought of her impending tax bills, she could always play the paparazzi at their own game and con-sider selling rights to pictures



of the Windsor blaze. With a certain lack of tact, Simon Engineering, maker of fire-fighting equipment, is already boasting that TV shots of its platforms used during the Windsor inferno have resulted in \$25 million of sales in America and Korea. Its announcement yesterday in-spired some of the worst puns on City screens for some time - "Windsor blaze warms firefighter". "Company says blaze has stoked up business," and others in equally bad taste. Company spokesman Mike Hurn, says Simon is not ruling out using photographs of the Windsor inferno in future sales brochures, either. "We use pictures of fires in refineries, hotels, whatever is appropriate," he says. Look out for the picture postcards.

Garlic bread WE MAY have come out of the ERM but, gastronomically at least, we are getting closer to Europe according to JLI, the food group, which has just paid £1.2 million for a garlic

importer. According to JLI. garlic consumption in the UK has risen from 4,000 tonnes a year in 1989 to 7.000 tonnes thanks to all the Frenchified food and supermarket paella we now consume. Either that, or it's a concerted effort to ward off the evil Euro-eye.

Lucky Jim JIM Furlong, the County

NarWest salesman who has turned headhunter. mems to have a way with American ladies. Hot on the heels of placing New Yorker Debise Mc-Neill at Salomon, he has just 'moved" high-flying Wall Street saleswoman Emily Bogle on to the US equity sales desk at Prudential Bache Bogle, 35, was previously with Donaldson Lufkin in New York for three years and fol-lowed her husband Harold to London this summer after First Boston posted him here to run its US capital markets desk. Furlong predicts more action on the American equities scene soon. "It's coming up to bonus time and people who have done well are looking out for opportunities to

NOT everyone was as amused as the City Diary at the idea of bankers at Goldman Suche ... based in Shoe Lane - giving their old shoes to the homeless for Christmas. Providence Row, the charity to London's homeless, says that it needs not only shoes, but socks to go with them, razors, shampoo, gloves, and scarves as well. Anyone who can help. please ring 071 375 0020.

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Tec business leaders seeking success From Mr Edward Roberts mark out the world class

Sir, An extra £10 million is to be available from Training and Enterprise Councils for employers who agree to become Investors in People. Investors in People are more profitable, more competitive, more innovative. They survive because they have a better workforce. The business leaders of the

Training and Enterprise Councils will, I am sure, welcome the continuing interest of the CBI in their affairs, reported by you in "CBI to study grievances over funds for training" (November 26). These leaders know it is vital

that there are sufficient resources to sustain the highly skilled population which alone can compete successfully in an advanced society such as ours. Knowledge, skills and quality

The CBI may well demon-strate what Tecs all fear,

namely that, taken together. the employers and the government invest too little money in human capital to achieve the National Education and Training Targets. If we do not achieve these Targets for Foundation and Lifetime Learning, the UK will not continue to prosper. The overall mood of the

business leaders who run Tecs is not one of walking out but of determination SUCCE AC Yours faithfully.

EDWARD ROBERTS. Chairman G10, The Training and Enterprise Councils' Secretariat. The Oaks, Clewes Road.

British Coal's ingratitude to mineworkers

From Mr Peter McNestry Sir, In response to the lener from Neil Clarke, chairman of British Coal (Business Letters, November 26). I wish to make the following comments.

British Coal mineworkers, over the last eight years, increased productivity by 150 per cent. Their reward for this achievement was that 30,000. were to be sacked, many with less than two days' notice.

Neil Clarke in his letter now suggests that "legislation changes" would facilitate improvements in output. This, as I understand it, means "dethe Health and Safety Administration package, and also the removal of limits on the mineworkers' underground

hours of work. On the latter point, Chairman Clarke and his management team are not noted for spending long hours under-

round, but British Coal have been quick to remind everyone that some fatal accidents are due allegedly to miners not being in a "full state of alertness" (British Coal's term.

Is British Coal's callousness.

so ably demonstrated by their planned 30,000 sackings. now to be superceded by their push to deregulate! Yours faithfully. P. McNESTRY. National Secretary National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers (Nacods)

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When insurance companies place different emphasis on 'all risks"

From the Rev Roy Allison

BUSINESS LETTERS *

Sir, Insurance companies provide customers with the opportunity to safeguard possessions against (inter alia) "all risks". In most contexts "all" means "every". But for at least my insurance company all risks means only those risks other than those which are the subject of specific exclusions". An Alice in Wonderland world indeed, making words mean what the writer wishes them to mean - no

more, no less! Having now learnt that at

Reverse charges

From Mr Robert Gregory Sir, On November 24, you published a letter under the heading. "Bank ignores pleas" from a Mr F. Covins, in which he outlines his skirmish with the TSB. He may be interested in a way to deal with the problem and produce a sansfactory outcome.

Firstly, I paid off the over-draft. Mr Covins stated that his was a mere £500. Secondly, as the bank had no authority to charge me £15 for each letter sent, I answered each one and charged the bank £25 each time.

When the bill to the bank reached £200, the bank cried halt and stopped sending me idiotic letters. I haven't had the £200 yet, but as both sides are trying to find legal reasons for repudiating the charges, a sort of peace has broken out. Currently, the bank owes me more than I owe it, especially since they have helped them selves to my money for their charges. I think hawyers call that theft.

Yours faithfully ROBERT GREGORY. 2 Lancaster Drive,

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does not mean what it says, wonder how widespread this

oractice is. is the Oxford English Dictionary able to supply special "insurance company" defini-

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English language? Yours faithfully, ROY ALLISON Superintendent Minister, South London Mission, The Central Hall.

Bermondsey Street, SE1.

NOTICE TO HALIFAX MAXIM **CUSTOMERS**

Halifax Building Society announces a reduction in the rates of interest charged on Maxim current account debit balances with effect from 1st

The present authorised overdraft rate for balances falling within an agreed overdraft limit is 1.52% per month (APR 19.8%). This will be reduced to 1.43% per month (APR 18.5%).

The present rate for unauthorised overdrafts and debit balances which exceed an agreed overdraft limit is 25% per month (APR 34.4%). This will be reduced to 2.21% per month (APR 29.9%) for all

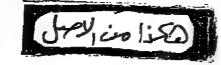
Maxim customers. Interest will be charged at the new rates on any relevant debit balances which remain outstanding on

or after 1st December 1992. The authorised overdraft rate of 1% per month (APR 12.6%) charged on certain debit balances on qualifying student and young worker accounts remains unchanged.

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Bond Corp says key repayment will be met

FROM REUTER

BOND Corp Holdings, the former flagship of Alan Bond. moved to reassure shareholders that it can raise sufficient funds to meet a crucial repayment to creditors due by the end of the year.

The company, which has changed its name to Southern Equities Corp. is still about A\$12 million (E5.5 million) short of the A\$37.5 million needed for a first instalment to preferential shareholders on December 31. Failure to make the payment would result in liquidation for the company, which has been under a scheme of arrangement with its creditors since August last

trator, told the annual meeting that the company's fate depends on its ability to realise quickly two assets worth a combined A\$17 million. "We expect to be in a position whereby we can make the payment on December 31."

The company's most important asset remains its A\$500 million damages claim against the Western Australian government over a failed petrochemical project. Mr Ferrier has said the company's long-term success depends on its success in prosecuting the claim, expected to go to trial next year.

Most of the company's A\$435.1 million loss for the year to June 30 related to noncash items of accrued interest, asset writedowns and

provisions. Bond Corp shares have been suspended since December 1989. Alan Bond resigned as chairman in September 1990. At its peak, Bond Corp vas worth about A\$10 billion.

STOCK MARKET Big buyers bring new high

revival in beleaguered world economies buoyed traders' spirits, helping equities to power to new highs as some

to boost their portfolios.

The first day of the new. pulled higher, as an absence of sellers combined with stock shortages and a healthy premium on the December FTSE

institutional investors decided

"It's a repeat of Friday when futures pushed us to a record. The (cash market) gains are being helped by a stock shortage — no one wants to said one senior trader.

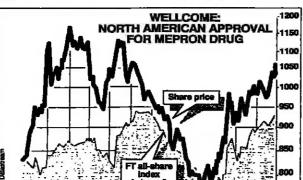
Dealers were also encouraged by hopes of a revival in consumer demand as November's money supply figures showed a 0.8 per cent seasonally adjusted rise on the month, giving a 3.0 per cent increase in the year.

A positive start on Wall Street bolstered sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 share index closed at another new high, up 18.7 at 2,778.8, after touching a new record intra-day trading high of 2,784.1, ahead 24 points. Volume reached 635 million

Some in the market are now more optimistic about 1993 and are assuming that the UK will pick up in the same way as the US economy appears to be

doing. Bob Semple, head of research at County NatWest, believes that the market could rise further, although he is still wary. "In the last few days, the market has picked up a fair old head of steam, but I would be surprised if the run continues at this rate. The market has got ahead of itself," he

Some chartists say the FTSE 100 index could trade between 2,880 and 2,900 within



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weeks, despite short-term technical indicators which show it hovering near over-bought

The advances came despite a number of FTSE shares trading ex-dividend, including Kwik Save, down 13p at 731p, Tate & Lyle, 2p lower at 388p and BOC, up 1p at

Rosehaugh, the troubled property group that has concentrated on office developments in central London, cast

bank to Rosehaugh, recovered an early 3p loss to close 1p firmer at 374p, while USM-Stanhope crashed from a pre-weekend level of 172p to 11p.

Elsewhere in the property sector, Speyhawk lost 2p to 112p, Brixton Estates 2p to 14lp. Greycoat 12p to 11p. Land Securities 10p to 415p, Regalian 2p to 102p and Slough Estates 4p to 136p. Meanwhile, Wellcome advanced 28p to £10.63, boosted

Burmah Castrol firmed 8p to 657p as Williams de Broë raised its net profit forecast for next year by £7 million to £100 million and reiterated its buy stance. The upgrade is based on the belief that the stock stands at a 15 per cent discount to the market, while sterling's weakness has also been beneficial.

a shadow over the market after it called in the receivers, reminding the City that the economy is not out of the woods yet. Earlier in the day, Rosehaugh shares were suspended at 74 p pending clari-fication of the company's financial position. The news did not come as a complete surprise, but it again highlighted the problems property companies are facing.

Bardays, the most exposed

GOVERNMENT securities

had another quiet day with

shorts weaker than longs in

yield terms, not helped by the

latest money supply figures, which dealers said confirmed

and dampened the likelihood

switched to tomorrow's £2.5

billion auction of 8 per cent Treasury stock 2003. Sentiment in London was not

helped by weak French and German bond markets.

Trading was thin, but many investors rolled their Decem-

of an early interest rate cut. The focus of attention again

by the strong dollar and news that it had won approval to market Mepron, a drug to treat a common type of Aidsrelated pneumonia, in the US and Canada.

Andrew Porter at Nikko, the Japanese securities house. said: This points out to investors the value of Wellcome's R&D pipeline. This could become a significant product." The group, whose shares have enjoyed a

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share sale by Wellcome Trust, met Japanese investors during last week and made a presentation last Thursday.

Elsewhere, ICI gained 13p to 994p, helped by the wave of growing optimism for economic recovery in the United

Asda Group firmed 2½p to million shares, partly on hopes that the retailer will rejoin the FTSE 100 in the next review. while many analysts are now saying that Asda's sales are doing better than previously expected.
Two companies tied to the

fortunes of the Hong Kong stock market, HSBC Holdings and Cable and & Wire-less, both suffered in early trading after the Hong Kong market fell sharply as the political tensions with China continued to plague the colony. Midland Bank parent HSBC lost 5p to 518p, after 510p, while Cable and Wire-

less eased 5p to 665p.

Meanwhile, Reuters attracted support, dimbing 5p to £13.36 on speculation of a share split soon and US recovery hopes.

Tomkins, whose recent

200p-a-share rights issue closed yesterday, eased ¹2 p at 228 2 p, on volume of 5.3 million shares. RHM were unchanged at 260p. Oil stocks were in favour

following Opec's agreement on production cuts. Enterprise rose 72p to 4622p. Lasmo 8p to 170p, BP 2p to 233½ p and Shell op to 554p. Leeds Group, due to report final results today, advanced 23p to 512p on news that it is joining the FT-Actuaries In-dex, while Telemetrix rose 64p to 764p for the same

PHILIP PANGALOS

Blue chips rebound after sell-off

New York - Blue chips were higher at midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average rising to 3,295.98, up 13.78. It rebounded after a heavy wave of profit-taking and a bout of sell programs reduced most gains not long after the

opening.
Advancing issues outpaced declines by nine to seven after nearly 114 million shares exchanged hands.

Gregory Nie, analyst at Kemper Securities, said the market was likely to trade cautiously around this area as it awaited more concrete news about the US economic recov-

ery.

□ Tokyo — The Nikkei average finished 213.04 points up, or 1.22 per cent to 17.683.65, with an estimated 230 million shares traded. The broader first section Topix index rose 15.81 points to 1.323.35.

The Nikkei is now up 1,690 points in eight trading days and at its highest close since September 29.

☐ Hong Kong — Rumblings of displeasure from Peking over the awarding of the contract to build the Hong Kong port container terminal without consulting the mainland sent share prices diving nearly 3 per cent. The Hang Seng index finished 176.04 points lower at 5,810.63.

Analysts said the threat not to honour the deal after the handover in 1997 showed that China wanted power of veto over all contracts. ☐ Frankfurt — The Dax index surprised traders with a

1.4 per cent rise, finishing 1,544.34.

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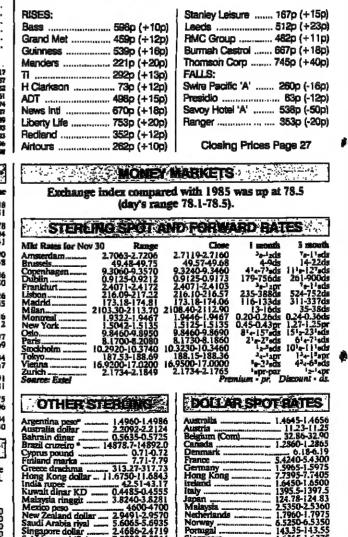
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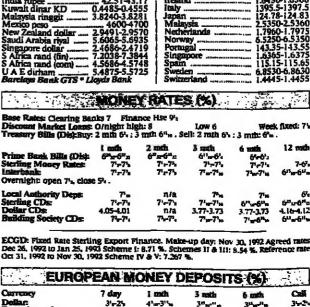
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Scotland dividen wins job M trading? boost

DECT VILLE

A TOTAL of 670 jobs were yesterday promised for Scot-land in the electronics and food sectors. Four hundred are to be created over five years by Jahil Circuits, an American electronics firm, at Livingston,

near Edinburgh. The Florida company is spending £13 million to set up a printed circuit board factory - its first European operation, Scotland emerged as the final choice from an international shortlist, including Ireland

and The Netherlands.
Aulds. a Scottish food firm. is creating 270 jobs, also over five years, by building a fac-tory making frozen and chilled sweets and desserts for the catering industry at Inchinnan, near Glasgow.

In addition, a £200 million housing and business park, which will provide 7,500 new jobs, is planned for a 200-acre site adjoining the M1-A1 link road near Austhorpe in east Leeds. If approved, it will be the largest in Britain. The East Leeds Development Company wants to build 1,000 homes and a small neighbourhood

Paper merger

A merger between three Dutch companies, designed to create Europe's second-largest packaging and paper business in time for the single Euro-pean market, has been agreed. Newco will have annual sales of 13 billion guilders (£4.68 billion) and stand second only to Stora of Finland in the

European paper league.
The business is being created by the merger of KNP.
Bührmann-Tetterode and VRG Groep. Newco will have 29,700 employees worldwide. Its activities will range from paper manufacture and packaging to distribution of graphic supplies and computer emigraphy.

Merrydown falls

Merrydown Wine, the cider maker, fell from £943,000 to £760,000 pre-tex in the six months to end-September aiter a mixed performance from the premium Merrydown Vintage Cider brand. The interim dividend rises an effective 12.5 per cent to 1p, although Richard Purdey, chairman, says it is too early to take a view on the year as a whole.

GPA deal

Airbus Industrie has largely wrapped up talks with GPA. the irish aircraft leasing company, and agreed to reschedule some deliveries, an industry source said. "Airbus has more or less terminated its discussions with GPA. It will reschedule a number of aircraft and feels totally confident in GPA's ability to pull out of what is a temporary difficul-ty." As part of an effort to restructure \$2.7 billion debt. GPA has asked its bankers for a two-year deferral of \$900 million in principal

Heseltine aims to levy fines for abuse of market power

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH courts could be given powers to impose fines equal to 10 per cent of sales on companies that abuse dominant market positions. The proposal is among several options unveiled yesterday by Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, in a green paper designed to improve the effec-tiveness of UK competition legislation.

The green paper addresses issues that were raised in a 1989 white paper by Lord Young, but which fell foul of other pressures on parliamen-tary time. The paper is also a belated response to complaints by Sir Gordon Borrie, the former head of the Office of Fair Trading, that the OFT's investigative powers, and fines

for companies abusing market power, are inadequate. It offers ways to tackle companies that use predatory pricing and other measures to thwart would-be competitors, as well as those that exploit market dominance to widen profit margins.

Mr Heseltine said ministers

were keen to improve the effectiveness of competition,

Amstrad

seeks early

hearing

By COLIN CAMPBELL

AMSTRAD, the computer

group that Alan Sugar, its founder, is trying to take

private, will apply to the High

Court this morning to expedite legal proceedings institut-

Edward Northcote, a pri-

vate shareholder who owns

1,000 shares, said on Novem-

ber 24 that he had asked the

High Court to order that an

Amstrad meeting scheduled for December 10 be post-

poned until further informa-

tion about Mr Sugar's

controversial buyout plan had

been circulated. Mr Northcote's motion will be

Amstrad said that hearing

10 general meeting at which

Mr Sugar's 30p cash offer will

be considered, and will ask the

Court that Mr Northcote's

application be heard "as soon

An Amstrad spokesmen

said last night that the close-

ness of the two meetings could

be confusing for some share-

holders, and that could mean

a delay in sending of proxies.

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two would introduce a Eurotwo would introduce a European-style system, making it an offence for companies to abuse market power. The OFT would be given powers to investigate, and establish a tribunal which could impose fines of up to £1 million. Applications for larger penalties could be made by the OFT

to the High Court.
Similar powers would be given to regulators of utilities. Companies that believed they were victims of market abuse would have the power to bring actions for damages, and to seek interim relief through injunctions.

Option three seeks to obtain the benefits of the European system, while retaining the best features of the present arrangements. That would enable the director-general of fair trading to tackle situations in which two or more companies impeded competition, or kept prices artificially high.

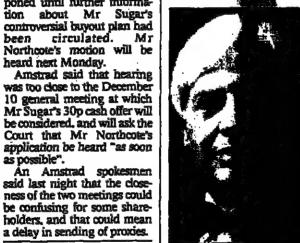
idas share sale sters Pentland

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

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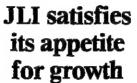
Rubin: "del

by buying, in August, a 20.05 per cent stake in Adidas's main holding company. In October, however, Pentland decided to abandon the bid after carrying out a detailed study of the financial situation

Pentland said yesterday that it had sold the stake in Bernard Tapie Finance GmbH, which owns 95 per cent of Adidas, back to its majority owner, Bernard Tapie Finance SA. The latter is the investment vehicle of Bernard Tapie, the French financier and former government minister.

Pentland made a pre-tax profit on the share sale of £13 million, as well as a profit of £34 million because of the strong rise of the mark against pound. The combined profit of £47 million exceeds the initial investment outlay by

Yesterday's deal marks the end of Pentland's involvement with Adidas, the future of which remains uncertain. Stephen Rubin, the chairman of Pentland, said that the company was "delighted" with the profits, but "disappointed not to have been able to acquire



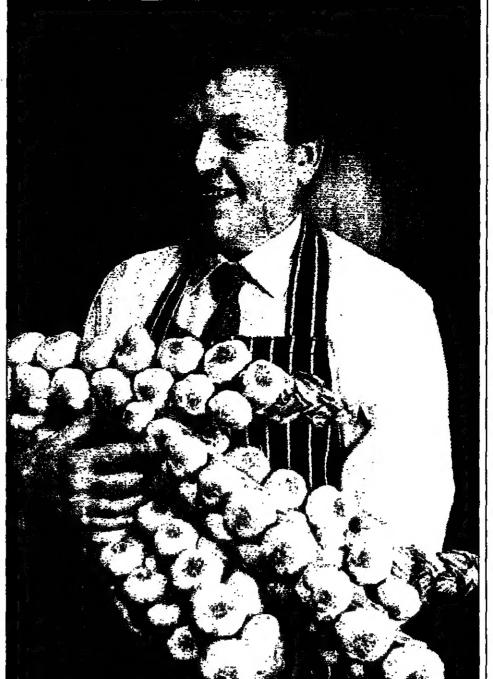
YOAV Gottesman has announced that JLI Group, where he is chief executive, is performing to expectations despite low consumer confidence and margin pressure.

The speciality food com-pany, which expanded by buying Brookerpaks, a distrib-utor of garlic and ginger, increased profits from £1.14 million to £1.84 million in the six months to the end of September.

Earnings slipped from 3.4p a share to 3.2p, reflecting the impact of two rights issues that helped fund acquisitions. The interim dividend rises from 1.5p a share to 1.55p. Turnover increased from £40.2 million to £50.9 million and operating profits from £1.76 million to £2.35 million.

Operating margins edged forward from 4.4 per cent to 4.6 per cent. Interest charges were reduced from £617,000 to £511,000.

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Well seasoned: Yoav Gottesman, JLI chief executive, announced a dividend rise

Philip Harris Higs (I) Pre-tax: £806,000

EPS: 6.60p (5.11p) Div: 2.2p (2p) Vistec Group (I) Pre-tax: £1.3m (£1m) EPS: 0.73p (0.56p) Div: 0.125p (0.1p)

Associated Nursing Svcs Pre-tax: £725,000 EPS: 6.6p (6.9p) Div: nii (nii) Borthwicks (I) Pre-tax: £1.3m (£0.9m) EPS: 1.9p (1.2p) Div: 0.5p (0.5p)

Regina Pre-tax: £1.2m loss EPS: 0.91p loss Div: none (none)

SW Wood Group (1) Pre-tax: £425,000 EPS: 2p (loss: 1.9p) Div: 0.5p (nil) Crown Eyeglass (i) Pre-tax: £274,000

EPS; 11.6p (10.2p) Div: 2.5p (2p) Scott Pickford (I) Pre-tax: £103,167 EPS: 1p (1.8p) Div: nil (nil)

Interest charges rise from £287,000 to £330,000 after acquisition of Proctor.

COMPANY BRIEFS

Computer services company. Search for acquisitions continues. Net cash of £4.1 million at end-October

Interim results. Compares with previous restated profits of 2379,000. Gearing unchanged at 90 per cent. Results include exceptional credit

of £442,000 due to tax refund by New Zealand revenue. Last year hit by reorganisation costs of £348,000. Last year's loss £505,000 (loss per share 0.29p). Downtum in major markets led to operating loss of £701,000.

Focus on printing and packaging. Compares with loss of £154,000 last time. Search for acquisitions continues.

Compares with profit of £242,000. UK expansion continues. Two new stores on the way in Sweden.

Profits slip from £189,508.
Computer services continue to perform well. Stronger second half expected.

Costain finance director quits in mid-fight

DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE finance director of Costain Group, the debt-plagued construction to property concern, has left after seven years, halfway through a tough legal fight with Hanson over the sale of Costain's Australian businesses.

The resignation of Tom Slee as Costain's finance director was not unexpected in the City, given the deep financial trouble the group is in. It came with two board appointments. of Tom Parker, the president of Costain's American arm, and of Peter Hill, head of corporate development and chairman of the residential

property division.

While the Costain board thanked Mr Slee for his contribution over seven years of service, he was seen in the City as taking some of the blame for the group's decline. "The timing is a bit odd, in the middle of a deal," said one

analyst.

Alan Lovell is appointed chief financial officer pending a new board appointment. Insiders suggested Mr Slee had felt increasingly apart from the core management and had departed by mutual agreement. He is not thought to have a post to go to and is said to have left for "personal reasons". Compensation terms on his contract, which had almost three years to run,

are being worked out.

Costain is suing Hanson in the High Court in London and is also locked in legal battle with the conglomerate in St Louis in America. The case arises from Costain's earlier provisional agreement to sell its Australian mining business to Hanson for a price that was subsequently topped by Altus, the French group. Peabody, Hanson's Ameri-

can subsidiary, is attempting to have the original contract enforced, while Costain wants to move the case out of American jurisdiction, at the same time seeking a declaration that it can proceed with the sale to Altus as well as seeking damages for breach of contract and breach of guarantee

Costain can expect to have debts of £175 million by the financial year-end at December 31. Among its problems is a one-third stake in a consortium engaged in the redevelopment of the Spiralfields area. east of the City of London. Heavy provisions from this project and on housing land are expected at the year-end and would mean another fullyear pre-tax loss, after losses of £69.2 million in 1991. The shares eased 1p to 27p.

Profits after exceptional items and before taxation up by 16 per cent to £95 million

- Earnings per share after exceptional items up by 6.7 per cent to 8.47p
- Dividend increased by 10.1 per cent to 3.72p per ordinary share
- Domestic tariff remains the lowest in the UK

Commenting on the results, Mr Murray Stuart. Chairman of ScottishPower, said:

44 We have continued to improve the efficiency of our business. This has contributed to increased profitability and low tariffs for our customers. 77 A copy of the Internal Report is available from the Shareholder Enquiry Office, Schristiffower, Catharat House, Spean Street, Glasgow G44 4RE: Telephone 041-637-7177, Forsamle 041-636 4660

INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER, 1992

For the six months ended 30 Sept	Note	Sar Months Ended 30 September 1992 fon	So. ! Acoths Ended	Year Ended 31 March 1992 Em
Turnover		634.8	599.0	1,384.6
Operating profit before exceptional items		112.5	95.4	280.9
Exceptional items Operating profit	2	(13.3)	95.4	280.9
Net unterest charge		(4.2)	(13.5)	(21.0)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		95.0	81.9	259.9
Taxation Profit for the period	3	(26.0) 69.0	(17.2) 64.7	(54.6) 205.3
Dividends		(30.3)	(27.5) 37.2	(82.5) 122.8
Profit retained		38,7	21.7	122.0
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Chairman's Statement

Profit before tax after exceptional items rose to £95 million in the six months to 30 September 1992, a rise of 16 per cent on the comparable period last year. Earnings per share after exceptional items have increased by 6.7 per cent to 8.47p from a level of 7.94p for the first six months of last year. The interim dividend payable for the period on 12 March 1993 to ordinary shareholders on the register on 28 January 1993 is 3.72p per share, an increase of 10.1 per cent.

Gearing at 30 September 1992 was very low, with net borrowing of £13.1 million. Dividend and taxation payments in the second half of the year of approximately £150 million will increase net debt by the year end. Since 30 September 1992 we have bid successfully to repay the £142 million 11.856 per cent bond which was due to be repaid to HM Treasury in 2005. Gearing at the year end is expected to be below last year's level.

We have continued to improve the efficiency of our business. This has contributed to increased profitability while maintaining low tariffs for our customers. We have the lowest Domestic tariff in the UK and we believe that our industrial and commercial contract prices are among the most competitive. As announced earlier this month all our tariff customers will receive the benefit of a rebate by January 1993, due to inflation in the 12 months ended October 1992 being at a lower rate than anticipated when our tariffs were set. In total this will amount to approximately £20 million.

In our generation business we continued to reduce fuel costs and we have begun to see the first benefits of burning North Sea sour gas at Peterhead. Revenue and profits from sales of electricity to England and Wales increased.

Following the reorganisation of the company last year into separately accountable businesses, our fundamental review of operations has continued and is already resulting in savings. We have increased provisions for restructuring and reorganisation by £23 million to help reach our objectives of further increasing efficiencies.

We continue to give a high priority to enhancing customer service. According to a recent report from the Office of Electricity Regulation we rank among the best in the UK on several significant measures of service performance. We are determined that the drive to achieve excellence in all our activities will continue. Our performance to date in the second half of the financial year continues to be very satisfactory...

Mr Murray Stuart, Chairman of Scottiste Power. 30 November, 1992

Bank action forces Tessa to close

By LINDSAY COOK

A TAX-EXEMPT special savings account operated by Birmingham Capital Trust, a small private bank, is being closed after formal discussions

with the Bank of England.
The Tessa offered an interest rate of 12 per cent tax-free fixed for five years when it was launched at the beginning of last year. But the bank lost £534,000 last year and is unable to go on paying inter-est on the Tessa at that rate. It has written to investors

saying the Tessa will be closed at the end of the year and suggests that the money is transferred to a Tessa with another bank or building sociery to preserve its tax benefits. Birmingham Capital Trust has made arrangements for transfers to be made to the Dudley Building Society. which has assets of £65 million and is currently paying 10 per cent on its Tessa.

In the circumstances the bank has waived its transfer fee of £25. A spokesman for Birmingham Capital Trust said that the bank had originally wanted to lend the Tessa money at a fixed rate but because of the rules of the scheme it had to keep it on call and could not do so.

The bank was formed in 1901. It will pay interest at 12 per cent until the transfer date. Tessas were designed by John Major in the 1990 Budget to encourage people to save and were launched at the beginning of last year when bank base rates were at 14 per cent. Several offered more than 15 per cent at launch but rates have fallen back since then.

TEMPUS

Scottish Power's electric strategy

porate strategy, unusual in the privatised electricity industry, had much to do with the sharp share price rise in recent months. For the first time, the shares have risen well above the 170p investors have paid so far.

First comes cost-cutting. Almost 1,200 jobs — 12 per cent of the workforce — have gone since March last year, offer-ing annualised cost savings of £10 million. There is more to come after the company tucked away a further £23 million in restructuring provisions yesterday.

Medium-term, the strategy relies on upgrading the interconnector with England and Wales, which will increase capacity by 40 per cent. Scottish Power is in a particularly favourable position, as it has first call on any surplus power generated by Scottish Hydro-Electric. The inter-connector therefore enables the company to export that sur-plus and to import as and when prices in the English electricity pool are favourable

The long-term strategy of diversification into gas and other income streams is exemplified by the telecoms project, still only nascent Scottish Power would provide much of the network north of the border, to complement National Grid's operation in England and Wales.

At 223p, 2p higher yester-day and just 4p off their all-time peak, the shares change hands on eight times this year's profits and yield 5.1 per cent, based on the forecast of £290 million pre-tax, and 11.2p in dividends, made by Simon Williams at Kleinwort the outcome of the coal deal



Good health: Greene King chairman Simon Redman reported higher sales

Greene King is showing a notional loss on its 29.3 per

cent stake in Morland, a

options. Lower interest rates

3.5p to 3.7p.

continues, the shares may attract some support from investors switching from the rest of the sector, but further over-performance in the short

term is likely to be limited. Greene King

GREENE King, the Suffolk brewer, is not sitting on a barrel waiting for the reces-sion to blow itself out. It believes that if people are not going to drink their way out of recession, perhaps eating will do the trick. Hence the attention being paid to catering. From a low base, food takings in managed houses grew by 22 per cent in the six months

to November 1. Interim pre-tax profits, before exceptional items, rose by 1 per cent to £9.5 million, on a turnover group's carrying costs. The group remains keen to ex-pand its pub estate. Pre-tax profits, clean of property items, should inch that was 3 per cent higher at

E67.5 million; the dividend, forward from £19.5 million to still well covered, rises from £20 million this financial rear, and advance faster in Beer volumes have been 1994 to the £22.9 million area. A higher tax charge will, in time, check net earnings. maintained at levels fairly close to those achieved last

The shares, on 15.9 times prospective earnings at 468p. are fairly valued.

fellow brewer, which it bid for Kenwood but failed to take over last July; it is sitting on the holding while considering its

THE Kenwood story mirrors that of 1992 so far. But will the green shoots that Tim Parker, the kitchen appliance group's chief executive. app-ears to have spotted, blosson, into trees of recovery next-year? He says of current trading that the signs do not look at all bad".

Sales of Kenwood goods to retailers in Britain are grow-ing healthily but it remains to be seen how successful the shops are at selling the stocks. Kenwood, it should be remembered, stole a window of opportunity to float off in June — restoring in the process, a balance sheet laden with management buyout debt. But trading fell off a cliff in July and when the market got wind of that in Septem-

ber, the shares dived.

The shares have subsequently recovered from a low of 208p to 256p. up-1p yesterday, against the flotation price of 285p. Kenwood reported a fall in pre-fax profits from 15.6 million to 15.5 million for the six months to million for the six months to September 30 (on a pro-forma basis). The actual numbers went up from £3.1 million to went up from E3.1 multion to 63.9 million. The City expects Kenwood to make an actual f8.6 million before tax for the year to March 31 and may a dividend of around open that would be an effective use of about 10 per cent on the 3.5 p Kenwood would have gald had it been a public commany. had it been a public company

All this leaves the company on a prospective p/e of almost 15 times expected earnings of 17.24p a share, and a pro-spective annualised yield of 4.3 per cent.

At these levels, and against the present economic back-drop, the shares are a cautious hold. The group, which has 65 per cent of its sales overseas, should benefit from

Asprey pegs dividend after difficult trading

ASPREY, the jeweller that owns Garrard & Co and Mappin & Webb, is holding the interim dividend at 1.1p a share, reflecting difficult trading conditions. In the half year to the end of September, pre-tax profits advanced from £10.93 million to £11.16 million and earnings from 6.87p a share to

There was a maiden contribution from the 25 retail outlets of Watches of Switzerland, acquired from Ratners in June In April the company also acquired Hamilton & Inches, of Edinburgh, for £1.3 million. Acquisitions helped increase turnover from £49.2 million to £60.2 million. Naim Attallah, chief executive, said trading conditions made it impossible to forecast the outcome for the full year.

Leigh slides to £4m

LEIGH Interests, the waste disposal company, has reported a LEIGH interests, the waste disposal company, has reported a sharp fall in first-half earnings. In the six months to end-September, pre-tax profits fell from £7.12 million to £4.1 million and earnings from 7.7p a share to 4.4p. But an unchanged interim dividend of 2.46p helped the shares rise 5p to 183p. Malcolm Wood, chairman, blamed the 43 per cent decline in profits on a stump in volumes of waste requiring treatment, particularly in the South. Turnover fell from £58.86 million to £52.3 million.

Verson back in black

VERSON International, the Midlands machinery maker, bounced from a pre-tax loss of £4.7 million to a profit of £1.1 million in the six months to end-July, on exceptional gains, mainly due to licensing royalties of £3.9 million. It is unlikely this value will be repeated in the second half. Profits before interest and tax were £3.3 million, on turnover of £39 million (£40 million). Earnings per share were 0.72p (3.42p loss). There is no interim dividend (nil). The accounts reflect an extraordinary loss of £1.5 million on the sale of Taylor-Winfield.

Hoskins Brewery rises

HOSKINS Brewery, quoted on the USM, which last month rebuffed moves by rebel shareholders to remove some board members, made £50,000 (£48,000) pre-tax profit in the six months to end-September, on turnover of £812,000 (£950,000). Fully ditted earnings per share were 0.82p (0.78p). The company has never paid a dividend. Margins have improved, despite a continuing drop in beer consumption. Hoskins has sold nine public houses to Wolverhampton & Dudley Branging for £2.45 million eligibation has received. Dudley Breweries for £2.45 million, eliminating borrowings.

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Creator and creation: Bradman and the City's landmark Broadgate complex



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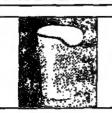


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Altering the skyline: Godfrey Bradman, former chairman of Rosehaugh, the joint developer of the City's largest scheme, built around Liverpool Street Station and housing some of the City's most prestigious firms

Rosehaugh forced to call in receivers

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROSEHAUGH, the prop-erty developer that changed the City's skyline during the eighties, has been forced to call in receivers after its attempts to organise a

refinancing failed.

KPMG Peat Marwick flic confirmed as receiver this morning. The company, which has debts of £350 million, asked Bardays yesterday afternoon to appoint receivers. The shares were suspended at 74p earlier in the day. Rosehaugh is best known for its 50 per cent stake in Rosehaugh Stanhope Developments, the property company that built the renowned Broadgate and Ludgate developments in the City.
In the mid-eighties,

Rosehaugh, high-profile darling of the eighties property market and joint developer of the landmark Broadgate scheme, has called in receivers after refinancing failed

glamorous property company shares reached a high of accountant, is expected to be £11.75 before the stock market crash in 1987. But the company began to suffer financial strains as the property market stagnated. In February, Godfrey Bradman, the company's chairman, quit the board. Mr Bradman was the creative force behind Broadgate, the development around Liverpool Street Station that dominates the eastern half of the City and houses some of its

most prestigious firms. In the past two years, Rosehaugh has sold many of its other assets to cut debts, as its losses soared to £165 million in 1990 and £227 million the year after. The group's remaining properties are thought to be worth about £100 million, which means

recover more than 30p in the pound and shareholders will The company rescheduled its debts with its 26 banks in March and the agreement was expected to last until January 1994. But the continuing stump in property values is thought to have left Rosehaugh with negative net

that the banks are unlikely to

assets by year-end in June.

Leonard Kingshott and Barciays struggled to organise a further refinancing but admitted defeat at the end of

Stanhope Properties, Rosehaugh's partner in RSD, sought to calm City fears about its finances by saying that it was in the advanced stages of restructuring its own £160 million debt, and hoped to finish talks with its banks early next year. The statement add ed that RSD has restructured and extended its debts of £1.25 billion until September 1997. RSD is close to selling one of the Broadgate buildings to UBS Phillips & Drew.

tenant, for £200 million. Stuart Lipton, Stanhope's chief executive, said Rosehaugh's collapse was a shock, but RSD and Stanhope were still safe. "The joint venture has been refinanced for five years and that is good for everyone. In Stanhope we have good properties and that

it the vital ingredient." Stanhope stands a greater chance of survival than its partner since its debts are lower and it owns a series of

In re-ponse to the collapse

is another body blow to the high street banks. Bardays lent at least E75 million to Rosehaugh, although it is thought to have made some provisions. National Westminster is another senior lender, although more than half the debts are owed to Japanese banks. Barclays said it had done everything it could to

Money supply data hint at pick-up in retail sales

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE Bank of England provided some cautious evidence yesterday that the consumer may at last be starting to stir. The Bank's provisional figures for narrow M0 money

supply, which measures notes and coins in circulation and tends to be a good guide to consumer demand, showed a seasonally adjusted rise of 0.8 per cent last month. There was a significant increase of almost 3 per cent compared with a year ago, the fastest growth rate in any month this year. More dramatic still was a 7.7 per cent annualised rise over the past three months, although this series of statistics is

not known for its accuracy. the money supply names were hailed by some City economists as a definite sight ing of a green shoot of

renewed economic activity. Peter Fellner, UK economist at NatWest Capital Markets, said: "There's no getting away

from the fact that there has

been a pick-up out there." He said the money supply figures tended to support government limited but clear pick-up in retail sales.

However, other economists expressed caution over wheth-er the figures could be interpreted as a clear sign of recovery. Retail sales account for only about 40 per cent of consumer spending and, while they were rising in the third quarter of this year, non-oil GDP was still sliding. Roger Bootle of Midland

Montagu was sceptical that these figures signalled a real improvement in economic activity, noting that they flew in the tace of other, much more gloomy, anecdotal evidence. Retailers, for example, are expressing deep disappoint-

ment at November Figures from the Retail Consortium suggest the volume of sales in the first three weeks of November fell as much as 3

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per cent on last year. James May, director-general, said that after a clear pick-up from August onwards, the November figures were "pretty bleak". He hoped the latest strong money supply figures would show up in the tills but they had not so far.

Money market interest rates

edged higher, partly in reaction to the money supply figures, with one-year rates trading at near 7 per cent from 64 per cent. This suggests the markets believe the government will be more cautious about mitiating further cuts in interest rates in the short term □ Jürgen Möllemann, German economics minister, said in a television interview that Germany could expect no growth in the first six months of next year and even a slight decline. He mentioned the word recession several times, the first time he has been so frank about the extent of the slowdown in Germany.

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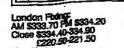
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Telecoms threat by power trio

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SCOTTISH Power, the larger of the two privatised power companies north of the border, is in talks with National Grid, the electricity carrier in England and Wales, about creating a countrywide rival to BT and Mercury in the telecommunications market.

Scottish Hydro-Electric, the second of the Scottish comparties, is also thought to be nvolved. That would extend the network to the northern part of the country. Both companies are known to have applied for licences to operate a telecoms business.

Scottish Power will, in the course of the next year, be installing fibre-optic links within its existing communications network between Glasgow and Edinburgh, and south to the border with England. It is planned that these will be a key element in the venture, which would be targeted at large-scale users

such as banks and other financial institutions. "It's still at the blueprint stage, but it has gone further

than just being a twinkle in the eye," said Ian Preston, the chief executive. "Scottish Power has seen telecommunications as a potential utilitybased business to parallel the one we have in electricity. But there's nothing formal on the table at the moment. It's still toe-in-the-water stuff." Scottish Power was report-

ing pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 of £95 million, up from £81.9 million last time, despite £13.3 million of exceptional charges. These comprise £23 million of future restructuring costs, offset by a credit from a technical reassessment of the cost of energy lost in transmission. The halfway dividend is ahead from 3.38p to 3.72p.

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income-generating properties. Despite this, the shares plunged 6.5p to 11p on the Rosehaugh news. Stanhope is also a possible buyer of Rosehaugh's stake in RSD but Mr Lipson said it was too early to say whether the company would be interested.

of Rosehaugh and fears about the joint venture, Lord Sharpe of Grimsdyke, Stanhope's chairman, has been appointed the chairman of RSD. The collapse of Rosehaugh

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A LITTLE MORE CLASS — to — U.S. CITIES

Open syndicates 'could cost £5.3bn'

BY SARAH BAGNALL

Preston: "toe in water"

THE eventual total cost of settling existing and future claims against names on open Lloyd's syndicates could exceed 55.3 billion, according to a new review of the insurance market by the leading

Chaiset, publisher of the Lloyd's League Tables, predicts it will cost £5.3 billion to settle outstanding and anticipated claims against the names on the 102 syndicates with open years. Between them, they have a total of 162 years in run-off - years of account that cannot be closed because their total losses cannot be quantified.

But if the estimated £5.3 billion calculated on the basis of settlement in ten years' time and including legal expenses and bad debt reinsurance was paid immediately, the burden on names would drop significantly to the far lower sum of £2 billion, representing a 20 per cent charge on every name's current

stamp capacity. Lloyd's has made provi-sions of about £2 billion to cover known and future liabilities. Chatset has taken a worse-case scenario for its forecasts. The bulk of the £5.3 billion figure is a result of continuing US liability with only £400 million being attributed by Chatset to claims on the excess-of-loss (LMX) reinsurance spiral. Charles Sturge, cofounder of Chatset, said big future claims are expected for syndicates involved in stop-loss reinsurance and estate protec-

More than 1.000 names packed the Great Room at the Grosvenor House hotel, central London, yesterday, for a stormy annual meeting of the Gooda Walker Action Group. Alfred Doll-Steinberg, the action group's chairman, succumbed to fierce criticism over plans to pay the 12-member committee a success fee of 1.5 per cent of monies recovered through litigation, less an amount for costs, and dropped the resolution. Mr Doll-Steinberg said: "We

decided to withdraw the motion. It's clear the idea of a remuneration package was accepted, but the level of feeling was such that it was deemed inappropriate to put it to the vote." The question of remuneration will be put to the vote again at a special meeting in the latter half of January.

But the names passed a resolution requesting a further levy of about 1 per cent of total losses to raise £2.8 million for a fighting fund. Steps to recover £273 million through the courts are expected to commence next year. This figure is likely to rise as future losses become known. The committee said a 25 per cent settlement would be considered a very poor result while 75 per cent would be a

Gooda Walker was one of the largest players in the LMX market, which was savaged in the late 80s by a series of disasters including Piper Alpha and Hurricane Hugo. Losses on four LMX syndicates exceed £700 million.



